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Garden Club Beautifying Agawam



AGAWAM GARDEN CLUB MEMBERS, from left - Priscilla Andrews, Zoafia Demko, Judy Clini (president), Barbara Farrington, Anna Bissonnette, and Helen Lawrenchuk are planting barrels that are being placed throughout the community. Advertiser News photo by Joan Lussier.



THE AGAWAM GARDEN CLUB held its Annual Plant Sale at the Captain Charles Leonard House. Pictured above, from left - Leah Nesin, Elaine Smith, and Marsha Fleming. RELATED PHOTO INSIDE. Advertiser News photo by Joan Lussier.

Ryder Chosen New Chief Of Town's Schools

by Iris Copson
School Dept. Editor

On Tuesday evening, the School Committee voted Bernard F. Ryder, presently Superintendent of Schools in Limestone, Maine, as the replacement for retiring Agawam Superintendent James V. Bruno. Ryder's tenure in Agawam will begin in August.

A motion by Secretary Linda Galarneau, seconded by member Susan Pettazzoni, put two finalists (Ryder and Vincent F. Simone, Carlisle [MA] Superintendent-Principal) into nomination for the final vote.

No discussion preceded the vote during this meeting, since the board had previously held a second interview with each of the two finalists and conducted on-site visits at their present work places (and talked with each candidate while they toured the Agawam Schools).

Mayor Christopher C. Johnson told the School Committee that a roll call vote would be taken randomly from the six Board members by names drawn from a hat, and that he, as chairman of the board, would vote last in case of a tie.

Mrs. Pettazzoni, Louise David, and Louis Massola voted for Ryder, and Johnson cast the deciding 4-3 vote. Member Roberta Doering called for a vote of confidence after the election, and a unanimous vote endorsed Ryder as Agawam's new Superintendent of Schools.

Johnson instructed the board's secretary, Dian Curran, to contact Ryder to set up dates for contract negotiations later this month. The position was advertised for a salary range between \$70,000 to \$80,000.

Ryder's Professional Background

Ryder has been Superintendent in Limestone since 1983, and prior to that, Superintendent in Dover, New Hampshire, for 10 years, and three years in Coventry, Rhode Island.

Mrs. David, who served as hostess for both Ryder and Simone while they toured Agawam, said, "I felt we needed someone with administrative experience in a system that houses kindergarten through grade 12. Dr. Simone lacked experience at the high school level."

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Anne Sullivan Is Getting Closer

Marilyn Curry, chairwoman of the Anne Sullivan Memorial Committee, tells us that the committee is closing on its goal. Donations, even the smallest ones, are still being accepted. The dedication day is Sunday, June 28th. Call Marilyn at 786-1452 if you wish to donate.

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Mrs. David continued, "Upon returning from a site visit to Maine, Mrs. Pettazzoni informed the committee that Mr. Ryder's present school system is a progressive school ready to meet the future.

"Limestone schools have been labeled a 'Year 2000 School,' which means it will be brought up to the educational standards under national guidelines by the year 2000."

She added, "That, coupled with his total administrative experience of K-12 (for 22 years), I felt he is what we needed."

Mrs. Pettazzoni said Ryder brought harmony to a community which consists of both military (Loring Air Force Base) and residential people.

"I watched him relate to students and teachers on our visit to Maine. The students knew him and displayed respect during his presence. He was not new to the classrooms, and he related well to everyone he came in contact with," she said.

A Self-described "Catalyst" For Education

During his interview as a finalist, Ryder indicated he would meet with teachers and PTO presidents early on to discuss the present curriculum. He described himself as a catalyst for both teachers and students in the system.

Prior to his experience as a superintendent, Ryder was a principal for two years at Pentucket High School and was in North Adams from 1965-68.

Previously, he also served as a department chairperson and he was a teacher. He received a bachelor's degree from Providence College in 1955, and earned his master's at Bridgewater State College.

Ryder also has a certificate of advanced graduate studies from the University of Massachusetts.

For all the home-town news, you turn our pages each and every week - AAN!

Caplin Hits Senator On Auto Insurance

Bill Caplin, Republican candidate for the State Senate in the First Hampden District, says that current automobile insurance reform proposals in the Legislature are just the same old rhetoric we've seen over the past 10 years, and they will cost the taxpayers of Massachusetts on more than just their auto insurance bills.

Caplin states that Senator Linda J. Melconian, D-Springfield, has promised auto insurance reform in each of the past five years and there has been little, if any, relief at all. Caplin believes that the current system can work, if properly administered and if other major problems relating to auto insurance are attacked.

While Caplin does not favor a Verbal Threshold Bill, one of many insurance reform proposals currently in the Legislature, he disagrees with Senator Melconian on her move to completely dismantle the current no fault system.

"Going back to the old tort system would open up the field suits in many more situations," says Caplin. "We must find means to settle cases out of court, which would also help to alleviate the over crowding we are currently experiencing." Some form of mediation may help, but this is not the only answer.

Currently, Massachusetts has approximately 200,000 unregistered and uninsured vehicles on our highways, and those of us who pay

premiums, are subsidizing the people who drive illegally.

Caplin says, "We must give local police departments incentive to go after these offenders and confiscate their license plates, and even the vehicles if necessary." Local police get weekly lists from the registry and offering a "bounty" for each license plate returned to the registry could easily put thousands of dollars in the hands of the cities and towns, while getting these illegal vehicles off our roads.

Caplin added that "there are many cities and towns that border states with lower insurance and registration rates."

Every day you see cars parked in driveways in Massachusetts with Vermont and New Hampshire license plates. "These people are robbing our municipalities of much needed excise taxes, and the state of much needed revenues, while not paying their fair share of insurance rates." This could be as much of the problem as the insurance system itself.

Finally, Caplin says that the truly bad drivers are not paying their share for recklessness on our highways.

"The merit rating system does not go far enough and I feel that the habitual offenders of all kinds should receive much stiffer penalties for their bad driving habits."

DA Receives Grant For Elderly Abuse

Hampden County District Attorney William M. Bennett has announced that the Board of Trustees of Eighteen B, the Springfield Cable Endowment Channel, has awarded the Hampden County District Attorney's Office funding in the amount of \$8,600 to produce a 30-minute program on elderly abuse.

The program will focus on the physical and financial abuse suffered by the elderly, and will provide tips on how such abuse can be prevented. The program will be broadcast on Channel 18B, the Springfield Cable Endowment Channel.

The Hampden County District Attorney's Office previously produced a program, "Rape Victim's Assistance," which was cited for excellence at

the Eighteen B Springfield Cable Endowment Channel Annual Meeting on June 4th.

District Attorney Bennett said, "I am grateful to Eighteen B for the opportunity to produce programming which assists Springfield residents in preventing crime and in letting residents know about the resources available to them through the Hampden County District Attorney's Office."

Participating in the production of the program are Maria F. Rodriguez, the Director of the Hampden County District Attorney's Office Victim/Witness Program, and Aleana Laster, Victim/Witness Advocate.

Ms. Laster participated in the production of the "Rape Victim's Assistance" program.

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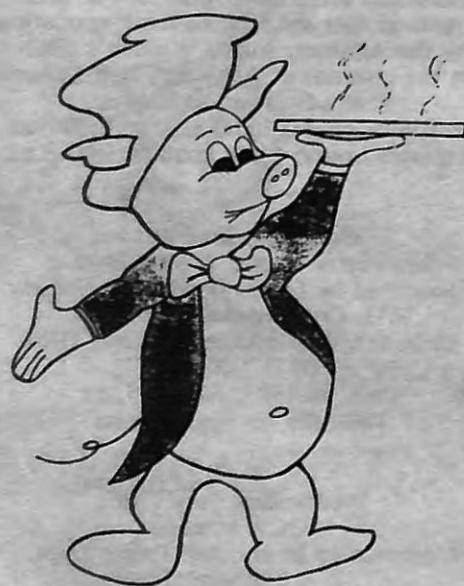
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Letters To The Editor

Mayor Johnson Says Thanks For Town Clean-Up

To The Editor:

On May 30th, the Annual Town-Wide Clean Up Day was held. Over 50 dedicated individuals spent their Saturday morning picking up litter along the public ways and on school property.

Since the inception of the Clean Up Day, four years ago, I have witnessed a lessening in the amount of roadside litter. I credit this to the higher awareness of the residents of Agawam, and the continuing efforts of the volunteering on Clean Up Day.

On the behalf of every Agawam resident, I wish to thank the following individuals:

Robert J. Ratcliffe, Jim Bertone-Gross, Seth Bertone-Gross, Jeremy Spring, Caitlin Weisgerber, Kimberly Sullivan, Matt Bellico, John Zebryk, Mary Leahy, Candy Bates, Sarah Bates, Roger Martin, Carrie Martin, Reverend Len Cowan, Sarah Cowan, Jim Taylor, Damian Gormley, Marcia Doranzabryk, Pamela Kerr, Gerry Cormier.

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Doris Schuh, Michael Theroux, Laren Fox, Daniel Outhuse, Tracy Kellogg, Amy Annino, Sandi Angotti, Katie Theroux, Richard Theroux, Paula Fox, Vinny Outhuse, John Morrissey, Krysten D'Amato, and Jeremy Spring.

Sincerely,
Mayor Christopher C. Johnson

Be Wary Of Raccoons; They Do Carry Rabies

To The Editor:

I would like our neighbors and others in the area to be aware of "raccoons with rabies."

A neighbor had a raccoon captured last week during morning hours. They were told the animal would be killed because they were sure it had rabies by the way it was behaving.

I was told if anyone ever sees a raccoon during daylight hours, assume it has rabies. This was a scary thought of what "could have happened"; there were about five boys (with the average age being three) who thought it was such a cute animal.

If an adult was not the first to spot the raccoon, the children could have been seriously hurt. It's hard to think your own sandbox is not safe for your children.

We are in the process of getting our neighborhood together to help explain to the children what

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to do—God forbid—if they come in contact with a wild animal that's sick!

Please help your neighborhood's children and help to educate them for their own safety.

Thank you,
Joann McGeoghan
75 Christopher Lane
Feeding Hills

(P.S.: Anyone in the neighborhood can contact me about the meeting.)

More Families Needed For Hosting French Students

To The Editor:

I'm grateful for the generous response from Agawam families willing to open their hearts and homes to visiting French high school students. Our host families are the heart of our programs. They determine the quality of the experience for the students. Initially, we needed 32 homes, but now we only need eight more homes for students, and one for an adult chaperone. Will you help?

The students arrive on July 8th in the evening, and leave the morning of the 28th. We have balanced their stay in America with free time and planned, chaperoned activities.

There will be trips to Boston, Plymouth, mountain climbing, a softball tournament, a pool party, and a Welcome and Farewell party. The American families are welcome to participate in as many activities as their schedule allows.

A host family is not asked to rearrange their life styles, their menus, or their homes. Room sharing is perfectly acceptable.

The student is here to experience American life. You are not expected to be a tour guide. The requirements are simple: provide room and board in a warm, caring environment.

Intercultural Friendships (IF) also offers scholarship dollars to host families for outbound trips. IF offers academic, social, or sports related trips to various countries.

Each time a family hosts, 10% in scholarship dollars is earned toward the cost of an outbound trip. Up to 40% in scholarship dollars can be earned.

Speaking from personal experience, hosting a student has been an exciting, educational opportunity for my children. They come alive when we host. Hosting has extended their world beyond the confines of their own lives, and given them valuable insight into another person's culture and customs.

If you would like to learn more about hosting a student during this three week period in July, please call 786-8238.

Mary Ann Dietschler
Community Coordinator
Intercultural Friendships

Open Letter Of Apology To The National Honor Society

To The Editor:

At a recent Awards Night program for seniors, I unthinkingly allowed a non-National Honor Society member to wear my sash on stage. Although this incident was neither premeditated or intentionally harmful, unfortunately the joke was held at the expense of the NHS.

The National Honor Society is a very reputable organization and has done many things for this community. Being a part of this society has most assuredly benefitted each member. I have fully enjoyed my part in the organization and have grown

as a result.

I regret that this incident occurred and if I could take back the moment, I would. However, the fairness and understanding of the administration and the NHS Council has allowed me this opportunity to correct the situation.

For this I thank them.

Respectfully yours,
Andrew Turcotte

Agawam AFS Seeking Home For Australian Teenager

To The Editor:

The Agawam Chapter of American Intercultural Programs (AFS) is currently seeking a home for a 17 year-old Australian girl from outside of Melbourne. She is bubbly and bright and rides horses, participates in gymnastics, and enjoys all types of sports, and has very close family ties in her homeland.

The Agawam Chapter of AFS has been in existence since 1975 and provides a wide variety of support services to host families. AFS International picks up all medical expenses as well as liability insurance. The four Agawam AFS students at Agawam High for the 1991-92 school year participated in the Commencement Exercises at Symphony Hall in Springfield last Sunday. The students, from France, Ecuador, Italy, and Belgium enjoyed a wonderful year and the chapter is looking forward to another exceptional year in 1992-93.

Agawam AFS is also hosting an exchange teacher from Argentina at Agawam High School. The teacher arrived in early January and will leave later this month. She is being hosted by Dick & Marion Brindle of Agawam.

If you are interested in receiving more information about Agawam AFS, or about hosting an AFS student as a senior at Agawam High School, call Family Selection Coordinator Al Machia at 786-0114 (evenings), or Ric Sardella, chapter president, at 786-7747 (days) or 789-2005 (evenings).

AFS is a most rewarding and enriching experience, both for the host family and the AFS student.

Sincerely,
**Agawam AFS Community Chapter
Bilie-Ann Carpenter, secretary**

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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Saturday & Sunday, June 13th & 14th
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Sunday's hours: 12:00 noon to 5:00 p.m.

Saturday, June 13th
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Wednesday, July 17th
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Taxpayers Deserve Answers About Assessor's Office

To The Editor:

The taxpayers of Agawam have every right to get the answers and to voice their displeasure with the Mayor about his Town Assessor's Office. I will give the Mayor credit for his ownership and responsibility and his inability to run that office.

Some terms the Mayor has used describing the Assessor's Office, and I quote, "the employees in that department have no desire to appear before the council because they felt they had nothing constructive to offer and it's my responsibility under the charter, section 3-2."

Councilor Ed Caba's response to the Mayor's question was "who appoints the assessors?" Also unanswered was who elects the assessors? And again, who changed the system from a three-man board to a one man Board of Assessors? And when?

The Mayor said he thinks that one assessor is best. What does the law say about how to and when did Agawam adopt this one man system? The Mayor also said he is accountable to the people for the actions of every one "who works for me. And sometimes that's tough and that's a burden that I carry. I don't think we should bring in a Board of Assessors. I would oppose that vehemently because I think the assessor is a fulltime job and it should be a single person on that job," said the Mayor.

In Chicopee, the assessors are an elected board. If Agawam were to go to a three man board of assessors, they would be appointed by the Mayor, so the Mayor would still have control over the entire operation. So, Mr. Mayor, the control you always seek would be there but with a three man board you open yourself up for situations where you are unable to have complete control over the entire operation, which I believe is necessary to make sure things get done.

The Mayor, who also is an attorney, really is lacking in ability or is deliberately misleading the taxpayers. He should realize the commissioner for the State Department of Revenue is really in charge of the Assessor's Office, not the Mayor of Agawam.

The major issue here in Agawam continues to be: "Are they at Town Hall now getting things done with one assessor?" The answer is NO!

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Agawam had a three man Assessor's Office since 1861. Actually, it goes back to 1855. They have done a good job without the nonsense that is going on now.

How we in Agawam came to be a one man Assessor's Office has never been answered. My answer is that "the charter made it clear all laws, rules, regulations, or Town Meeting votes shall remain in effect until changed or were superceded."

How did Agawam legally change or supercede the three man Board of Assessors? The answer is we never did!

Valentine R. Moreno
15 Florida Drive, Agawam

Noise Pollution Causing Resident Much Frustration

To The Editor:

In this day and age when human rights have become so important and enforced in so many areas of life, it is amazing to me, how a whole community of law-abiding citizens—such as those of us who live in the vicinity of Riverside Park—are besieged by annoying, unwanted noises which disrupt our lives, our peace, and our tranquility on not one, but several evenings and afternoons a week from Easter Sunday until late in the fall.

Twenty-eight years ago, we bought our home knowing there was an amusement park here where we took our children and enjoyed it ourselves. It was pleasant to go ballroom dancing there on Saturday evening. There was no race track nor ear-piercing loudspeakers.

It has been several years since we've enjoyed the tranquility of our backyard on the weekends, or even been able to sit inside to watch television without shutting all the windows and turning up the volume way up to drown out the roar of the engines.

It is embarrassing to have company for a cookout and have to explain "THAT NOISE" and how we put up with it. It has reached the point where I am suffering from depression every time the roar begins.

Complaining to the local authorities is useless. Why the EPA has not stepped in to stop the noise pollution, we don't understand. The useless waste of the vast amounts of fuel which these stock cars use is never considered when we are told to conserve oil for our future generations. Why?

Then there are the LOUDSPEAKERS and the LOUD MUSIC we have to endure, especially during the rock concerts.

My husband starts work at 5:00 a.m. Many nights he cannot fall asleep because of the constant beat of drums and the race car noises. But, of course, no one cares about the working class, anyhow.

My family and this neighborhood's right to a peaceful and reasonably quiet existence is being violated, and despite our letters of protest, we are ignored.

Somehow, there must be an alternative by forcing them to put some kind of mufflers on these cars or to enclose the race track to contain the noise within the area.

We would like our PEACE AND QUIET back. Where is JUSTICE?

Mrs. Cecile N. Longtin
Agawam

Sidewalk Damage In Town Is A Continuing Problem!

To The Editor:

Chapter 155, Section 155-15 is now law! Any person damaging any sidewalk owned by the Town will be punished by a fine equal to the total replacement cost of said sidewalk.

Let's get cracking and identify those criminals who have been destroying sidewalks, at least since 1949 when I moved here. They have operated with impunity far too long in their attempt to reestablish that contemptible nickname "Mudville."

We want real sidewalks, not those crumbling asphalt excuses one sees here and there.

You know, the Town actually replaced three or four concrete sidewalk sections on my street a few years ago. You see, it's important to get it in concrete or at least find someone to blame to pay for the total replacement cost.

Does the Town have any program for improving, extending and repairing the existing system? If not, why not?

Very truly yours,
James D. Fogg
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Clark PTO Thanks All Who Helped With Olympiad**To The Editor:**

A most heartfelt and sincere thanks to all those wonderful people who helped to make the first annual "James Clark Olympiad" such a tremendous success! What a great feeling to see so many pull together to put a twinkle in our children's eyes and a very proud smile on all their faces.

A very special thanks to our principal, Mr. Smith Rovelli, who again and again gives so unselfishly of his time for all his students. To all our fabulous "Olympic Coaches" (teachers)—your patience and enthusiasm for your athletes was quite evident throughout the day, and especially to Coach Parker; without your help, the day would never have happened.

To all the parents (especially Mike Santos, Roger Cardin, and Mike Bodurtha) who gave their time so freely before, during, and after our big day. We cannot tell you how much it means to have such genuine support to back us up.

To our Honorary Dignitaries: Mr. Paul Sutton, Mayor Christopher Johnson, and Town Councilor George Bitzas. You really made our kids feel so proud to receive their medals from such important people! (And thanks to Paul for such a beautiful day!)

To our wonderful P.T.O. Board, which is always there to lend a hand, a smile, and a pat on the back. We love you all!

And last but not least, to our awesome, talented, and all-around terrific athletes—you made our day, a day we'll never forget. Your sportsmanship, excitement, and yes, your truly awesome Olympic talents will always be remembered.

For you put the twinkle in our eyes and the smile on all our faces. We are very proud to have you as part of James Clark School!

Thank you.

Sincerely,
Claire Cardin
Donna Bodurtha

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Agawam Council On Aging Against Medicaid Regulation

To The Editor:

Recently, the Agawam Council on Aging voted to send a statement of opposition to Sen. Linda Melconian, Rep. Mike Walsh, Bruce Bullen of the Dept. of Public Welfare and Gov. William Weld concerning the new medicaid regulation that is to go into effect on July 1, 1992. There are many facets to this proposal, including tightening admission criteria for new nursing home residents.

In addition, the Weld administration plans to eliminate the "bed hold" policy for medicaid recipients in long term care facilities. Currently, such payments are made up to 10 days and ensure the resident will be able to return to the same nursing home, live with the same roommate(s) and sleep in a familiar environment.

Without such protection, nursing homes will discharge residents who are admitted to the hospital, and the resident will have to wait until the first appropriate bed is available to re-enter the same nursing home. Elders who can return to the same nursing home will be lucky; others may have to choose between languishing in hospital beds or being discharged to a new nursing home.

The elimination of the bed-hold will mean that every resident admitted to a hospital is discharged from the nursing home and becomes a new admission for the next available bed.

The hospitalized resident will have to meet the stringent new medical criteria in order to re-enter a nursing home. Thus, longterm nursing home residents who are hospitalized may find themselves barred from returning. There is real fear that elders will refuse needed hospital care to prevent the loss of their home.

There are many questions, including ones of human cost and compassion, raised by these proposals. In addition, one cannot help wonder why these regulations seem to be such "Weld" kept secrets!

The administration must be pressured to withdraw these damaging and cruel proposals. Please help by contacting the people mentioned in the first paragraph.

Helen Manning
Agawam

Larkin Calls On Olver To OK Budget Law

In a press release issued this week, Congressional candidate Patrick Larkin called upon First District incumbent John Olver (D-Amherst) to support the Barton balanced budget Amendment (H.J. Res. 248). The amendment is scheduled for a vote in the House of Representatives on either Wednesday or Thursday of this week (presstime).

"When I announced for Congress, I said we have an obligation to keep the federal debt from impoverishing our children. Today, I am reiterating that call," stated Larkin.

He continued, "Every time Congress adds 200 billion (dollars) in debt, it means another seven thousand (dollars) in extra taxes that the average child will have to pay over a lifetime, just to meet the interest payments. The severity of this situation requires that a taxpayer protection plan be enacted now."

"Every voter I speak with tells me that the Congress, including John Olver, should stop this runaway debt. They say, 'We have to live within our means; it's high time the Congress did as well.' The Barton Amendment is an opportunity for the Congress to bring itself in-line with the American people."

Larkin concluded, "Now is the time for us to draw a line in the sand against this ever-encroaching crisis—the growing national debt."

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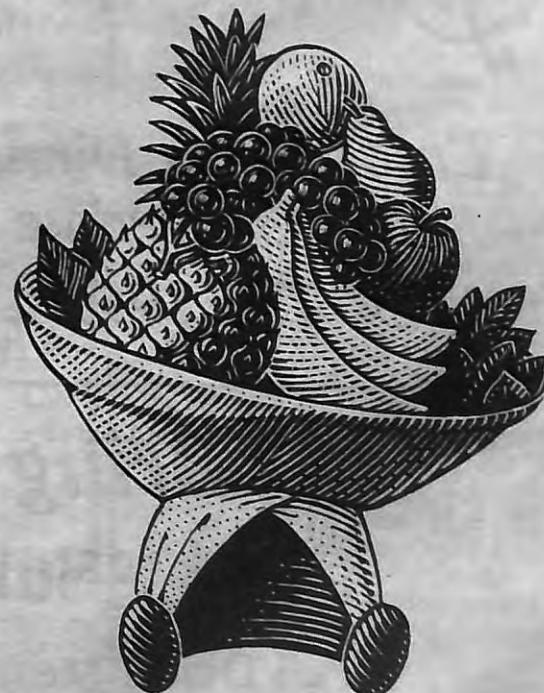
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BOARD OF APPEALS**

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeals will give a hearing at Agawam Middle School, 68 Main St., Agawam, THURSDAY, JUNE 18, 1992 at 6:30 P.M. o'clock, to all parties interested in the appeal of HAROLD C. FOUNTAIN JR. who is seeking a Special Use Permit in accordance with Section 180-11 of the Zoning Ordinances which would allow for the retail sales of Agricultural products at the premises identified as 1260 MAIN STREET.

By order of the Board of Appeals,
Ronald Hebert
Chairman

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by Fire Chief Rusty Jenks

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The Agawam Fire Department suggests these precautions to protect your home:

- The House

- Use only fire-resistant materials on the exterior.

- Screening material should be used in eaves, vents, and behind porches to protect the interior from sparks.

- Chimneys should extend above the roof line and topped with a ½-inch mesh spark arrester.

- Home Care

- If possible, build on a flat area instead of a slope.

- Keep roof and gutters free of leaves, pine straw, moss, etc.

- Dispose of ashes from grills, stoves, and fireplaces by placing them in a metal container, soaking with water and burying them.

- Flammable materials like firewood or lumber should be stored at least 100 feet from the house.

The Agawam Fire Department has more information on home fire survival. Contact them at 786-2662.

Councilor Willis Plans Office Hours

Town Councilor Joanne H. Willis will hold office hours on Saturday, June 13th at the Faolin Pierce Community Room, Agawam Police Station, 681 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills.

Councilor Willis will be available from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. to listen to constituent concerns on various issues facing the town.

All residents are invited to attend.

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Agawam Crime Prevention... Stalking Of Women Now Constitutes Criminal Act In Massachusetts

by Detective Wayne Macey
Agawam Police Department

May 18th, 1992, will more than likely go down as a red letter day in the history of women's rights. On that day, at 11:33 a.m., the Governor signed into law a bill that establishes the crime of stalking.

Section 43 of Chapter 265 effectively places the power of arrest in the hands of the police while granting long-awaited peace of mind to suffering women all across the state.

In the past, if a woman was being followed, phoned, or harassed, little could be done until the man made a move or acted upon his threat. The feeling of helplessness was felt by the police officer as well as the potential victim.

Those days are gone, and the following is a summary of the long overdue, much anticipated legislation. It is copied from a memorandum dated May 21st, 1992, from the office of Attorney Scott Harshbarger.

The statute creates the crime of stalking with two sentence enhancement provisions. The crime is a felony, allowing arrest based on probable cause, whether or not committed in the officer's presence.

1. Any person who willfully, maliciously, and repeatedly follows or harasses another person and who makes a threat with the intent of placing that person in imminent fear of death or serious bodily injury is guilty of the crime of stalking, a felony, and subject to a maximum state prison sentence of five years, or a house of correction sentence of up to two and one-half years, or a fine up to \$1,000 or both fine and imprisonment. G.L. c. 265 no. 43(a).

The escalation in violation and abuse toward women during the past few years is proof positive that this new law is now only justified, but extremely necessary.

If we are to relieve women of the burden of terror in dealing with ex-husbands, boyfriends, and other men who treat them as prey, then we must have the tools with which to accomplish the task.

I commend the Governor and the members of the legislature for helping bring law enforcement out of the dark ages and into the reality of the nineties.

Please remember our deadline is each Tuesday at noon time. If we can help, call us at 786-7747 or 786-8137.

Vets Agent Ruth Bitzas Attends Conference

The annual meeting of the Western Mass. Service Officers Association was held last month at Storrowton Tavern.

Agawam Veterans Agent Ruth Bitzas was installed as President, Derek Barlow of West Springfield, Vice President and John O'Connor Agent for the District of Hadley, Sgt. of Arms.

This year marks the 10th anniversary of service as Director of Western Hampden District for Mrs. Bitzas. Her district office provides benefits and services for veterans and dependents for the towns of Agawam, Southwick, Granville and Tolland.

In addition, Ruth presently serves on the Executive Board and Advisory Board of the State Association of Veterans Service Agents and was named in February to serve on a specially appointed advisory committee by First Deputy Commissioner Owen McNamara to work with his panel on the "creation and expansion of veterans' service districts in the western part of the state."

As a result, many communities in Western Mass. are inquiring about districts and two new districts have been formed. Mrs. Bitzas has developed a step-by-step guideline which will be utilized throughout the state thru the Commissioners Office.

"I've always believed districts are the way to go. They not only save costs for administration for member communities, but even more importantly, provide access and availability of a veteran agent on a full-time basis."

Any inquiries on available assistance for wartime veterans or dependents should be directed to Veterans Services, Town Hall, 786-0400, ext. 236 or 237.

Chapter 115 of the M.G.L. provides financial, medical and dental assistance based on need and state eligibility guidelines. On the federal level, veterans are assisted with all matters pertaining to V.A. Benefits.

The Agawam office received V.A. Summary Award totals for 1990-1991 and district veterans received \$472,166 in V.A. Benefits, based on work provided by Western Hampden District. These are some of the highest figures in the state for communities of our size.

Veterans Services is a one-stop center for service to our local veterans. Veterans are encouraged to call with their questions or concerns, or if you prefer, to talk directly with the Veteran Agent, call for an appointment, since this district covers several towns and requires that the agent travel throughout the district when necessary, make home investigations and attend meetings to keep abreast of benefit changes.

LEGAL NOTICE

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TOWN OF AGAWAM
BOARD OF APPEALS

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeals will give a hearing at Agawam Middle School, 68 Main St., Agawam, THURSDAY, JUNE 18, 1992 at 6:45 P.M. o'clock, to all parties interested in the appeal of WILSON THOMPSON POST 185, INC., AMERICAN LEGION, which is seeking a Special Use Permit in accordance with Section 180-11 of the Zoning Ordinances, which would allow for the use of the post pavilion on July 19, 1992 from 12:00 noon to 6:00 P.M. for a County Western Jamboree to benefit the Agawam Veteran Committee at the premises identified as 478 SPRINGFIELD STREET.

By order of the Board of Appeals,
Raymond Gendron
Acting Chairman

Published: June 11, 1992

Agawam Police Blotter For Week Ending Saturday, June 6th

On May 31st, Steven R. Morissette, 161 Country Road, Agawam, was arrested and charged with driving while under the influence of alcohol, driving so as to endanger, speeding, failure to stop for a police officer, unregistered motor vehicle, uninsured motor vehicle, and failure to wear a helmet. Arresting officers were Keith Bopko and Mark Pfau.

On May 31st, Marc J. Lamoureux, 365 South Street, Agawam, was arrested and charged with being a disorderly person and assault & battery on a police officer. Arresting officers were Walter Zymroz, Ron Brown, Keith Bopko, Paul Murphy, Sergeant Robert Rossi, and Auxiliary Officer Illicky.

On June 1st, John Chervenak, 1520 Main Street, Agawam, was arrested and charged with assault & battery. Arresting officers were Jim Lewis and Alan Collins.

On June 1st, Robert D. Martin Jr., 292 Shore Road, Westerly, Rhode Island, was arrested and charged with an outstanding Agawam Police Department warrant. Arresting officers were Joe Edwards and Ben Moore.

On June 2nd, Ronald M. Barber, of no known address, was arrested and charged with an outstanding Agawam Police Department warrant. Arresting officer was Edward Connor.

On June 2nd, Gina O'Neill Glouard, 16 Castle Hills, Agawam, was arrested and charged with driving while under the influence of alcohol. Arresting officers were Mark Poggi, Richard Light Jr., Sergeant Donald Loncto, and Richard Niles.

On June 3rd, Alan J. Carmel, 216 Walnut Street, Agawam, was arrested and charged with driving while under the influence of alcohol. Arresting officers were Mark Pfau and Paul Murphy.

On June 3rd, Patricia Peabody, 907 North Street, Feeding Hills, was arrested and charged with being a disorderly person. Arresting officers were Gary O'Brien, Mark Poggi, and Richard Light Jr.

On June 3rd, Thomas Long, 162 Brabun Street, East Longmeadow, was arrested and charged with being a minor in possession of alcohol. Arresting officers were Mark Pfau and Paul Murphy.

resting officers were Mike Gruska and Richard Niles.

On June 3rd, Jon P. Ouellette, 142 Meadowbrook Road, East Longmeadow, was arrested and charged with being a minor in possession of alcohol. Arresting officers were Mike Gruska and Richard Niles.

On June 3rd, Kevin Racicot, 15 Franklin Street, East Longmeadow, was arrested and charged with being a disorderly person. Arresting officers were Mike Gruska and Richard Niles.

On June 5th, Misael P. Mendez, 9 Sackett Street, Westfield, was arrested and charged with unarmed robbery. Arresting officers were Richard Light Jr., Mark Poggi, Mark Pfau, and Auxiliary Officer Sean Burke.

On June 5th, Christian Reyes, 16 Cowles Street, Westfield, was arrested and charged with unarmed robbery. Arresting officers were Richard Light Jr., Mark Poggi, Mark Pfau, and Auxiliary Officer Sean Burke.

On June 6th, Linda C. Lamoureux, 160 Birch Park Circle, West Springfield, was arrested and charged with driving while under the influence of alcohol. Arresting officers were Mark Pfau and Walter Zymroz.

On June 6th, John C. Harrison, 127 Moore Street, Agawam, was arrested and charged with two outstanding warrants from State Police and West Springfield police. Arresting officers were Richard Niles and Edward Connor.

On June 6th, Matt Sullivan, 1051 Elm Street, West Springfield, was arrested and charged with being a minor in possession of alcohol. Arresting officers were Edward Connor and Richard Niles.

On June 6th, Marcel Gosselin, 837 State Street, Springfield, was arrested and charged with being a minor in possession of alcohol. Arresting officers were Edward Connor and Richard Niles.

On June 6th, Adam Lebert, North Bennington, Vermont, was arrested and charged with being a minor in possession of alcohol. Arresting officers were Edward Connor and Richard Niles.

Newman's State Senate Campaign To Kick-Off

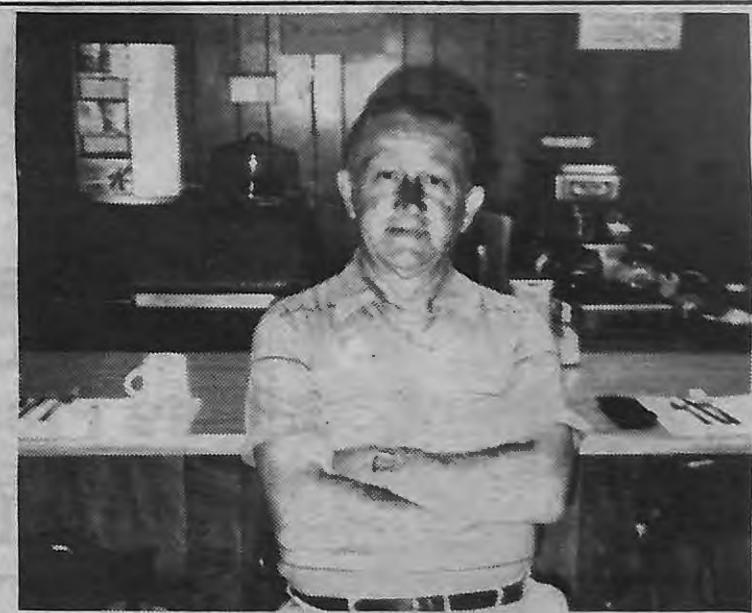
The Committee to Elect Attorney Stephen H. Newman, State Senator, has announced that a fundraiser will be held on Tuesday, June 16th from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. at the Ramada Hotel (formerly Sheraton West), Riverdale Street, West Springfield.

The public is invited to attend. Tickets are \$50 per person and can be obtained at the door or by calling 732-7433.

Attorney Newman is running in the September 15th Democratic primary in the First Hampden District. He is a Pro-Choice candidate, and is also campaigning on a platform for major, meaningful welfare reform.

He is the first candidate to run against the current Senator, Linda Melconian, since her election to that post in 1982.

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Council Agenda For June 15th

1. Citizen's Speak Time
2. Roll Call
3. Moment of Silence and the Pledge of Allegiance
4. Minutes—Regular Council Meeting of 6/1/92
5. Declaration from Council President
6. Presentation of Petitions, Memorials & Remonstrances
- (a) Resolutions

1. TR-92-25—A Resolution Authorizing the Formation of a Council Investigative Committee to Review the Practices and Procedures of the Agawam Assessor's Office (Coun. Russo)(Tabled 5/18/92—Left on table 6/1/92).

TOWN COUNCIL IS AUTHORIZED UNDER ARTICLE 2, SECTION 2-11 OF THE TOWN CHARTER TO INVESTIGATE THE AFFAIRS OF THE TOWN AND THE CONDUCT OF ANY TOWN AGENCY. RESOLUTION WOULD PROVIDE FOR A COUNCIL INVESTIGATIVE COMMITTEE OF FIVE MEMBERS OF THE TOWN COUNCIL TO BE APPOINTED BY COUNCIL PRESIDENT.

2. TR-92-30—A Resolution enabling the Agawam Town Council to act as Petitioner for Proposed Amendments to Article X and XI Industrial Districts A and B (Coun. Brindle).

RESOLUTION TO BEGIN THE PROCESS OF ADOPTING PROPOSED REVISIONS TO INDUSTRIAL ZONES. RESOLUTION ALLOWS THE TOWN COUNCIL TO ACT AS PETITIONER AND IS NOT A VOTE ON THE PROPOSED REVISIONS.

7. Reports of Council Committees
8. Elections
- None

Councilor Gravel Sets Office Hours

City Councilor Nancy Gravel will hold office hours on Wednesday, June 17th, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon at the Senior Center, Wright Street, Agawam.

All Agawam residents are invited to stop by and discuss issues of concern.

LEGAL NOTICE

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TOWN OF AGAWAM PLANNING BOARD

The Agawam Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing on Thursday, June 18, 1992 at 7:15 PM in the Faolin Pierce Community Room, Agawam Police Station, 681 Springfield Street, Agawam, MA. The purpose of this hearing will be to hear the petition of the Agawam Planning Board for an amendment to the Rules and Regulations concerning Form A Procedure.

BY ORDER OF THE AGAWAM PLANNING BOARD
Charles R. Calabrese, Chairman

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9. Public Hearings

None

10. Old Business

(a) Orders

1. TOR-92-12—An Ordinance Amendment to Establish a Board of Commissioners to Administer the Thomas Pyne Fund by Amending Chapter 32, Section 32-4 of the Agawam Town Code (Pres. Willis)(3rd Reading).

ORDINANCE AMENDMENT WOULD PROVIDE THREE-MEMBER BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS TO BE APPOINTED BY THE MAYOR AND CONFIRMED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL TO ADMINISTER THE THOMAS PYNE FUND. FURTHER PROVISIONS AS TO THE INVESTMENT OF THE TRUST FUND ARE ACCORDING TO MASS. GENERAL LAWS (requires 3 readings for adoption).

2. TOR-92-13—An Ordinance establishing the control and regulation of mass gatherings in the Town (Coun. Russo)(1st Reading) (Tabled 5/18/92—Left on table 6/1/92).

ORDINANCE REQUIRING PERMIT FROM HEALTH DEPARTMENT FOR GATHERINGS OF 100 OR MORE PEOPLE. ATHLETIC AND SPORTING EVENTS AND PRIVATE FUNCTIONS NOT OPEN TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC WOULD BE EXEMPT (requires 3 readings for adoption).

3. TOR-92-14—An Ordinance to amend Chapter 114. Sec. 114-8 entitled "Number of Licenses Restricted" of the Code of the Town of Agawam (Coun. Blitzas)(1st Reading).

ORDINANCE AMENDMENT TO REDUCE NUMBER OF CLASS 2 DEALER LICENSES

THROUGH ATTRITION FROM 35 TO 30 (requires 3 readings for adoption).

4. TO-92-25—Transfer-\$8000 from Reserve Fund (7000-5600-R551) to Line Items—Street Lights (7000-5600-R547)(Mayor).

DUE TO INCREASED RATE, TRANSFER IS NECESSARY TO PAY THE JUNE STREET LIGHT AND TRAFFIC SIGNAL LIGHT BILLS.

5. TO-92-26—Transfer \$55,000 from Reserve Fund (7000-5600-R551) to Highway—Construction Equipment (3200-5854-N/A)(Mayor).

ITEM WILL BE INCLUDED IN 1993 BUDGET RESOLUTION BUT TRANSFER MUST BE COMPLETED IN FY 1992 BECAUSE RESERVE FUND BALANCE CANNOT BE CARRIED OVER.

6. TO-92-27—Transfer-\$37,000 from Highway—Rentals & Leases (3200-5270-RO161) to Highway—Construction Equipment (3200-5854-RO165)(Mayor).

TRANSFER OF SURPLUS FUNDS FROM RENTALS OF SNOW PLOWS FOR SNOW AND ICE CONTROL TO ALLOW THE ACQUISITION OF SMALL TRACTOR-LOADER EQUIPPED WITH SNOW BLOWER TO EXPAND SIDEWALK SNOW REMOVAL SERVICE.

7. TO-92-28—Transfer-\$30,800 from Highway—Snow Removal (3200-5293-RO169) to Highway—Construction Equipment (3200-5854-RO165)(Mayor).

TRANSFER OF SURPLUS FUNDS FROM PURCHASE OF SALT, SAND AND CALCIUM CHLORIDE FOR SNOW AND ICE CONTROL TO ALLOW FOR THE ACQUISITION OF EQUIPMENT MENTIONED IN PREVIOUS ITEM.

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Rep. Walsh Receives Excellence Award For Elderly Support

The Massachusetts Association of Home Care, the private organization that provides home care and related services to over 30,000 senior citizens of the Commonwealth, recently presented State Representative Michael P. Walsh (D-Agawam) with its "Award of Excellence."

"We are honored to recognize such a dedicated legislator as Representative Walsh," stated Al Norman, Executive Director of Mass Home Care. "Michael has been a loyal friend and consistent supporter of home care and the elderly served by the program," Norman added.

Rep. Walsh was recognized in particular for his efforts to ensure home care services remain intact, despite the Governor's proposal to eliminate nearly 25% of existing home care organizations.

"I am pleased to accept this award from Mass Home Care," stated Walsh. "Knowing that home care allows elders to live at home, thereby avoiding institutionalization, I was delighted to join forces with my democratic colleagues and many other citizens in convincing the administration that its reduction proposal was not in the best interest of the senior citizens of the Commonwealth."

"After all, it is these folks, many of whom have toiled hard all of their lives to give so much back to family, friends and community, that deserve the services home care can provide," concluded Walsh.

Jr. Women's Club Ready For Crafts Fair

The Agawam Junior Women's Club is holding its 18th Annual Arts & Crafts Festival on Saturday and Sunday, June 13th and 14th, on the grounds of the Agawam High School, Rt. 57, Agawam.

Saturday's hours are 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., and Sunday's hours are 12:00 noon to 5:00 p.m. Admission is free.

Approximately 100 crafters from all over New England will be selling their handcrafted items, such as quilts, handpainted clothing, jewelry, toys, furniture, dolls, and much more. A craft corner with activities for children will be staffed by club members.

The Juniors will be running the food concession, and Ben & Jerry's Ice Cream and Frozen Yogurt will be sold in their own stand. Proceeds from the Festival go to graduating high school seniors to assist them in their goals for higher education.

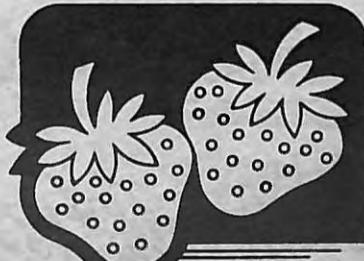
The Agawam Junior Women's Club is a member of the General Federation of Women's Clubs.

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STATE REPRESENTATIVE Michael P. Walsh (D-Agawam, center) receives an "Award of Excellence" from Al Norman, Mass. Home Care executive director, and Rep. Richard Voke, House majority leader.

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Ag. Council On Aging Calendar Of Events

New AARP Chapter Forming

There will be an organizational meeting to form an "Agawam" AARP Chapter. The Agawam Council on Aging will host the meeting at the Senior Center, 68 Meadowbrook Manor, off Wright Street.

The meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 22nd. At 10:00 a.m., all interested persons (50 years old and over) are encouraged to attend. For information, please call 786-0400, extension 242 (activities director).

Senior Bowling And Fun Day

On Monday, June 15th, at the Brunswick Airway Lanes (located on Liberty Street, Springfield), the management of the Airway Lanes and the Agawam Council on Aging cordially invite everyone who's 55 or over to attend a "free, fun-filled day" which will include luncheon, bowling, shoes, prizes, and surprises.

The day will begin at 12:15 p.m.; reservations are necessary. Every Monday after June 15th will be known as "Senior Day" at the Airway Lanes, where the prizes and fun will continue.

For reservations, please call the Agawam Senior Center at 786-0400, extension 242, or the Airway Lanes at 733-7865.

Senior Center—Day Trip

A lobster clam bake cruise is scheduled for Monday, July 20th. Among the day's activities is a narrated tour of Boston's famous sights while aboard the newest, most spectacular ship in Boston Harbor.

The lunch includes Maine lobster, chicken and a scrumptious buffet, all prepared aboard the ship. Entertainment will also be on board.

The price per person is \$35.55, which includes transportation, lunch, gratuities, and taxes. Call 786-0400, extension 242 (activities director) for information.

Summer Fun Day At Agawam Library

Join in the fun at the Agawam Public Library for "Summer Fun Day" on Wednesday, June 24th from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

They'll be having some old fashioned summer fun—indoors and out. There will be storytelling, bubble-blowing fun, and seasonal snacks—all for members of the "Read-To-Me" and "Summer Reading" clubs!

Preregistration is a must as snacks are limited.

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Golden Agers Enjoy Bowling Banquet



SENIOR CITIZENS gathered recently at Partner's Restaurant in Feeding Hills to enjoy their Annual Year-End Bowling Banquet. IN TOP PHOTO, from left, officers of the bowling club are pictured - Alice Bishop, secretary; Lee Dion, treasurer; Frank Paradiso, president; and Mary Spinelli, vice-president. IN PHOTO BELOW, individual bowling winners are picture - Iris Scott, "Most Courageous"; Victor Dalla-Pegoraro, "Best Attendance"; and Barbara Kupec, "Most Improved." Advertiser News photos by R.T. McMullen.



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Agawam Senior Center Weekly Lunch Menu

Monday, June 15th: Salisbury steak, egg noodles, carrot coins, pumpernickel bread, fresh fruit.

Tuesday, June 16th: Broccoli, cheddar soup, turkey salad on a roll, carrot/celery sticks, pineapple, tidbits.

Wednesday, June 17th: Baked chicken leg, sweet potato, green beans, rye bread, applesauce with raisins.

Thursday, June 18th: Swedish meatballs, egg noodles, summer squash, whole wheat bread, lemon pudding with whipped topping.

Friday, June 19th: Father's Day Picnic—Hamburger on roll, potato salad with lettuce, tomato, cheese, corn on cob, strawberry shortcake.

Closing Sale Planned At Trading Post

The Trading Post will hold a closing sale at the First Baptist Church, corner of Main and Elm Streets, Agawam.

The sale will be held on Wednesday, June 17th from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m.

Our summer closing sale is a great opportunity to find buys for the family wardrobe at real budget prices. All items will be 50% OFF from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. A good assortment of sizes for the ladies, from large down to petite, for all occasions, and sport and dress items for the men.

WHY pay big prices for the children's outfits, for that one dressy occasion, or for summer vacation, when play outfits get soiled, outgrown, lost, etc. Get several for the price of one when you shop with the Trading Post.

Remember, it's 50% off the ticket price until 3:00 p.m.

The shop also has small household items, drapes, spreads, dishes, in addition to paperbacks, records, jewelry, shoes, bags, etc. All on the special 50% Off Sale.

Shop early for the best choices! The shop will be closed from 3:00 to 4:00 p.m.

At 4:00 p.m., they will reopen for the SPECIAL \$3 BAG SALE on all items to 6:00 p.m.

The Trading Post closes for the summer months and reopens in September.

McGeoghan Family Celebrates 7th Child

The McGeoghan family of Feeding Hills is proud to announce the birth of their seventh child.

Robert Andrew was born on May 21st, 1992, at 7:23 p.m. He weighed in at nine pounds, 13.7 ounces, and measured 23 inches long.

Philip, Kerry, Michael, Joseph, Jonathan, and Katherine are his siblings. The parents are Phil and Joann.

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by Roger Martin, Pastor
Agawam Church of the Bible

Word is out that there is a rather severe strain of tag-sale fever running rampant in Agawam. It would probably be wise to take the following quiz to determine if you've been infected:

1) Do you find yourself checking the newspaper ads for tag sales ... on Monday?

2) Do you arrive early at tag sales, even when their ad reads, "NO EARLY BIRDS"?

3) Do you buy things you will never use simply because the marked price is unbelievably low?

4) Have you ever missed a meal or a social event to catch a tag sale?

5) When driving, does your foot reflexively hit the brake pedal when you see a tag sale sign?

If you answered "yes" to at least three of the above questions, you have the fever. If you answered "yes" to all five of the questions, you should probably seek professional help!

I will admit that I am mildly hooked on tag sales. The lure of the tag sale is finding something you want at a bargain price—the lower, the better.

Veteran tag-salers (and even some amateurs) know the thrill of finding an item with a price so low, you think it's a misprint ... snatching it up ... and getting it home so that you can tell your friends about it.

Perhaps the only thing better is finding an item you need that's marked "free"—it does happen on occasion!

But the biggest bargain in the world is the one

you find in God's Word, the Bible. Listen to this: "For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord." (Romans 6:23, NIV)

The Item: Forgiveness of sin, eternal life, and peace with God. You look at the price tag and do a double take—it reads "FREE." "This must be a misprint," you think; "surely God wants a large sum for it!"

But you see another tag on it and it reads: "For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast." (Ephesians 2:8,9 NIV)

The gift of eternal life and forgiveness of sin is free to you because someone already paid for it—Jesus Christ. You can't do more than what he's already done for you. God wants you to trust what Jesus has done instead of trying to earn eternal life yourself.

Let me give you some good "tag-sale" advice. Take this bargain home with you and put it to good use. In other words, admit your sin, trust Christ to forgive you, and be willing to obey Him.

Then go and tell your friends what a find you've made!

(I'd like to get your comments or questions. Please write me at: P.O. Box 130, Agawam, MA, 01001, or call me at 786-7908.)

List Of Activities For Ag. Congregational

The Agawam Congregational Church, 745 Main Street, Agawam, announces its lastest listing of events and activities:

This Sunday, June 14th, is Senior Recognition Day. This is the day the church sets aside to honor all of its graduating Seniors and hand out all of its Scholarships. This year, three graduating Seniors will receive \$275 each, and nine continuing education students will receive \$225 each.

Here is the list of 1992's Scholarship Awards from the Agawam Congregational Church:

* NICK ZUCCO SCHOLARSHIP FUND (\$275 each):
Andrew J. Bressem, Freshman, St. Univ. of N.Y. (Landscape Arch.); Benjamin H. Walsh, Freshman, Holyoke Com. College (Computer Engineer); Tammy L. Washburn, Freshman, STCC (Radiology).

* NICK ZUCCO SCHOLARSHIP FUND AND HARDINA-HUNTER MEMORIAL FUND (\$225 each):

Marc A. Fuller, Junior, Bangor Theological Sem. (Ministry); Dena Gagne, Sophomore, No. Adams State (Lawyer); Debra Z. Kushin, Master's, Westfield State (Spec. Education); Susanne LaFleur, Senior, American Inter. College (Finance); Karen Runshaw, Junior, Bentley College (Accounting).

Rebecca L. Runshaw, Graduate, Quinnipiac College (Physical Therapy); Robyn Schermerhorn,

Junior, Westfield State (Teacher); Christine Schoenborn, Senior, Quinnipiac College (Physical Therapy); Karen E. Stuart, Junior, Spfld. College (Occup. Therapy).

The Wednesday Night Service continues at the church at 7:30 p.m., with the R.E.L.A.T.E. series following at 8:00 p.m.

The Second Annual Golf Tournament is slated for this Saturday, June 13th, at St. Anne's Golf Course. The tournament will begin at 10:00 a.m.

On Sunday, June 14th, the Third Annual Talent Show will begin at 6:00 p.m. Come and enjoy a night of music, song, dance, and special entertainment put on by talented youths and adults. Tickets are \$2.50 for adults, and 50 cents for children under 12. All proceeds will benefit future youth programs.

The Agawam Congregational Church's Vacation Bible Camp is scheduled to run from June 29th through July 2nd, between 9:00 a.m. and 12:15 p.m. (the time for two year-olds is 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon).

This year's theme is "Fruits of the Spirit." Cost is \$5 per child and \$10 per family (three or more children). Register your child by June 19th.

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Children's Day At Ag. Methodist Church

Agawam United Methodist Church will celebrate Children's Day this Sunday, June 14th, at the regular 9:30 a.m. Worship Hour.

The children, youth, and Church School staff will lead worshippers of all ages in a full Service of hymns, prayers, and music, centered around the acting out of a story entitled "The Runaway Heart."

In addition, it is rumored that the children may give something to each person present.

Since this will be the last day of regular Sunday School, attendance and appreciation awards will be given out. During the summer, however, there will be nursery care and informal Sunday School available each Sunday.

The church will recognize Fathers' Day on Sunday, June 21st, at the regular 9:30 a.m. Worship Service. The essential role of fathers will be appreciated, and fathers present will be honored.

Plans are progressing for the Giant Flea Market on Saturday, June 20th, which will run at the church from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Balloons and refreshments will be available from church members as customers browse among the booths.

Agawam United Methodist Church is on Route 57, across from Agawam High School. The public is always welcome, and information may be had by calling Pastor Laurence Hill, 786-5278, or Lay Leader Percy Mickey, 786-7991.

Dominican Nuns Plan Hour Of Song, Prayer

The monthly Hour of Prayer and Song for the families of the world will be held at the Dominican Nuns' Monastery Chapel on Sunday, June 21st at 4:00 p.m.

The public is cordially invited to attend.

The service will include the singing of Evening Prayer and the recitation of the rosary, sermon and Benediction.

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Annual Strawberry Supper Being Planned By Community Grange June 16th

Community Grange No. 382, 47 North West Street, Feeding Hills, is sponsoring their Thirteenth Annual Strawberry Supper on Tuesday evening, June 16th at the Grange home.

There will be continuous servings from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. The menu will consist of potato salad, ham, baked beans, pickles, rolls, strawberry shortcake and beverages.

The price is \$7 for adults and \$3.50 for children under 12.

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Veal Cutlet	\$3.50	Veal Cutlet, Egg Plant, Ham Cheese	
Turkey	\$3.10	& Sauce	\$4.00

Garden Club's Annual Plant Sale



AGAWAM GARDEN CLUB OFFICERS helped with the Annual Plant Sale at the Captain Charles Leonard House. From left - Priscilla Andrews, secretary; Kathy Norris, Plant Sale chairwoman; Barbara Farrington, treasurer; and Judith Clinis, president. Advertiser News photo by R.T. McMullen.

Western Mass. Republicans Plan Annual Picnic-Rally At West Side/Ag. Elks Club

The seventh Annual Picnic-Rally of Western Mass. Republicans will be held on Friday evening, June 19th at the West Springfield/Agawam Elks Pavilion, 428 Morgan Road in West Springfield.

Everyone is welcome to attend. Tickets are available at the picnic.

The Western Massachusetts candidates who will carry the GOP banner in the 1992 election will be in attendance. The picnic is an opportunity to meet those seeking office in the Congressional races and our state Legislature. This rally offers the voters an opportunity to talk personally with those who want to represent us.

Ticket prices are \$10 for a single adult or \$15 per family. A ticket entitles one to hamburgers

and hot dogs (with all the fixings) plus pickles, chips, baked beans, cole slaw, dessert, punch, coffee and beer.

Mixed drinks and carbonated beverages will be available at a "cash bar." The grill and food services will be open from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00.

There is a special ticket for seniors 62 and over—"The Senior Advantage." If they purchase an "advance sale ticket," the price is \$5 per person. By sending their check, name and address to Western Mass. Republicans, P.O. Box 4662, Springfield, MA 01101-4662 before Tuesday, June 16th, this special ticket will be mailed to them.

For additional information, call Springfield 782-3321.

Cribbage Tourney At Senior Center

There will be a round-robin Cribbage Tournament at the Agawam Senior Center, 68 Meadowbrook Manor, on June 15th and every Monday thereafter until the tournament is completed.

The time will be from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. Come and join the fun. Notice is given that this time around, no one will be eliminated; the winner will be the person with the highest score at the end of the tournament.

There will be an entry fee of \$1.00 that is due the first day of the tournament. Call Janice at the Senior Center for your reservation (786-0400, extension 242).

Steak Roast & Picnic At VFW June 14th

On Sunday, June 14th, VFW 1632 will be holding a Steak Roast and Picnic to celebrate the 40th anniversary of the post, and the 20th year in the new building at 194 South Street.

The picnic starts at 12:00 noon with hot dogs and hamburgers. The Steak Roast will be held at 4:30 p.m.. Musical entertainment will be provided all day.

Tickets are \$12. The VFW would especially like to see all past active members, whose tickets will be half price.

No tickets will be sold at the door, except to past members.

For information on purchasing a ticket, contact the VFW.

Game Show-Spinoff At Agawam Library

Agawam and Feeding Hills children aged three and up are invited to a fun-filled game show spin-off, starring Kit and Kaboodle's Theatre hosts, Margie and Lyle.

They'll delight you with their zany antics in this audience participation production called "Reach For It—Read!" on Friday, June 19th from 11:00 a.m. to noon.

This is the first Summer Reading Club Program for 1992, and pre-registration is a must. Call the library at 789-1550 or stop in to register at 750 Cooper Street, Agawam.

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Speaking From The Bible...

The Reason For Their Attitudes And Actions

by Tom Crouse, Assistant Pastor
Faith Bible Church, Shoemaker Lane, Agawam

Many of you reading this article have probably had people you know get "saved" or become "born again." You might have noticed a change in their attitudes and actions. They might even have a different look on their face. This puzzles you.

You ask them about it and they tell you that they have come to know Jesus Christ in a personal relationship and have surrendered their lives to him.

They say that they accepted the free gift of salvation which Christ made available to them on the Cross of Calvary. They say that it is a gift available to you, too. You listen but you have heard it all before and are not interested.

As time goes by, there are other things you can't help but notice. They seem to go to church an awful lot. They are in church at least two or three times a week. You can't figure it out, they never seemed to be interested in church before.

And the Bible, every chance they get they are sticking their nose in the Bible. And happy, they always seem to be so happy and content. No one can be that happy, can they?

Sure, they might have their bad days, but their bad days don't seem as bad as yours and they seem to bounce back so quick.

If this sounds like some people you know, I believe the Bible can help you to understand their behavior. In the book of 1st Peter, chapter 1, verse 8, Peter writes:

"Though you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy."

This is the basis for the behavior of the people you know who say they are "saved" or "born again." They love Jesus Christ, they believe in Him, even though they have never seen Him. Their personal relationship with Him gives them a joy they cannot fully explain.

This relationship is available to you, too. Jesus died for you. Accept the gift of salvation. Take it, believe in Him, love Him, and you too will be filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy!

Maybe you never realized that the Bible could tell you the reason for the change of attitude and action; maybe now you are interested.

I pray that today would be the day of your salvation.

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MARSHA FINCK (right), outgoing president of the Agawam Lioness Club, presents a club donation for the Agawam Library to Donna Campbell, chief librarian.

Valley Community Church Plans Ziti & Meatball Supper For June 24th

Valley Community Church, 152 South Westfield Street, Feeding Hills, will hold a ziti and meatball supper on Wednesday, June 24th.

The menu will consist of ziti with sauce, meatballs, salad, bread and butter, desserts, and beverages.

The cost will be \$6 for adults, and \$3 for children under 12 years of age. There will be continuous servings from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

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AT HERITAGE HALL'S ANNUAL FASHION SHOW, from left - pictured are residents Amelia Bednarz, Eva Luccardi, Alice Donabed, and Agusta Lynch. Advertiser News photo by Joan Lussier.

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Agawam Obituaries

Winslow Stahle

Winslow A. Stahle, 84, of 58 Albert Road, a former town official and a retired 33-year regional manager for Liberty Mutual Insurance Company, died last Thursday at home.

He retired in 1972.

Born in Everett, he was a 1929 graduate of Northeastern University. He lived here from 1941 and worshipped at Faith United Church in Springfield.

He was active in local government, and was a former Town Meeting member. He was president of the Massachusetts Safety Council and a board member on the National Council.

He was a member of the Board of Trustees of the Captain Charles Leonard House, belonged to the Lions Club, and was also active in the Red Cross.

He leaves his wife of 59 years, the former Jane Hope; two sons, Donald W. of Atlanta, Georgia, and Richard M. of Sandwich; two brothers, Ralph E. of Malden and Harold of Beverly; a sister, Florence Carey of Malden; six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

A memorial service was held Tuesday afternoon in the church, with burial in Agawam Center Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the church at 52 Sumner Avenue, Springfield, MA 01108.

Agawam Funeral Home was in charge.

Alma J. Rice

Alma J. (Frerichs) Rice, 98, of 61 Cooper Street, a 20-year teacher for the Springfield Public Schools, died last Friday in a local nursing home.

She was also a commercial artist for many years.

Born in New York, she attended local schools and was a graduate of Pratt Institute. She had lived most of her life in Springfield.

She was a member of the First Park Memorial Baptist Church.

Her husband, Ned C. Rice, died in 1951. She leaves a son, Ned C. of East Hartford, Connecticut. Another son, Merle, died in 1981.

A graveside service was held Tuesday morning in Hillcrest Park Cemetery in Springfield. There were no calling hours.

Memorial contributions may be made to the First Park Memorial Baptist Church, 4 Garfield Street, Springfield, MA, 01109. Grise Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Feeding Hills Congo Plans Strawberry Sup.

The Ladies Benevolent Society of the Feeding Hills Congregational Church will hold its annual Strawberry Supper, June 13th with a mini-bazaar and continuous servings from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

The menu will include potato and egg salad, boiled ham, cole slaw, rolls and pickles, strawberry shortcake and beverage.

The cost will be \$6.50 for adults and \$2.50 for children under eight years of age.

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Gina's mother is the former Julie Rogers of West Springfield.

The infant is welcomed by maternal grandparents Albert and Rose Rogers, paternal grandparents Dorothy Iannuzzi and the late Albert V. Iannuzzi, and several aunts, uncles, and cousins. Gina and her parents now live in Agawam.

Bards Announce Birth Of Girl

Todd and Barbara (Plante) Bard of 128 Cambridge Street, Feeding Hills, are the proud parents of a baby girl, Evan Minor Bard.

Their daughter was born on May 26th at Baystate Medical Center.

Evan is the first grandchild of elated grandparents, Ed and Dottie Plante of 7 Ridgeview Drive, Feeding Hills.

She is also the first granddaughter of Frank and Roberta Bard of Westfield.

Their dog, Murphy, has welcomed Evan into his heart and home.

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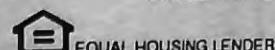
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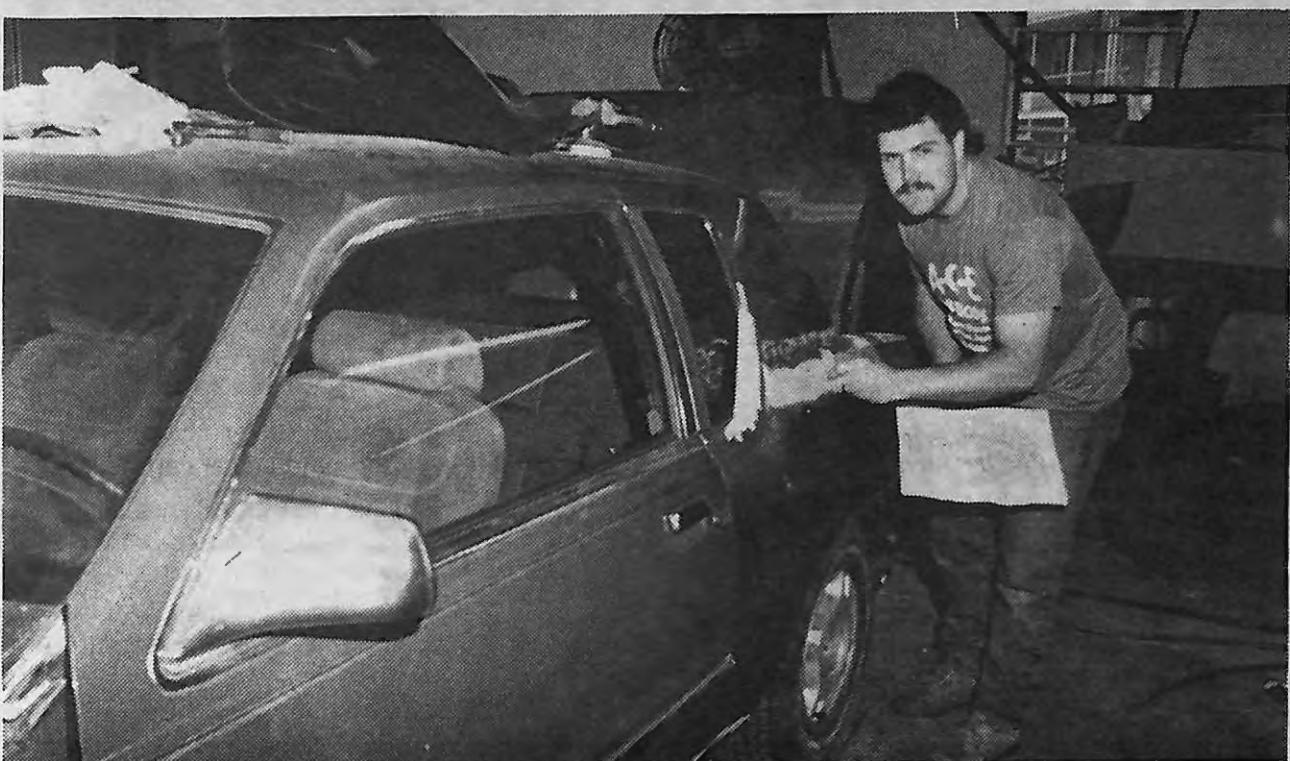
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Spotlight On Business



ACE AUTO BODY ON MAIN STREET was totally gutted following a fire caused by lightning in July 1991. The shop is owned and operated by Leslie Melanson of Agawam. PICTURED ABOVE is Steve Melanson, Leslie's son who works at the shop with his dad. Advertiser News photos by Joan Lussier.

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Year After The Fire, Auto Body Owner Thankful For Support

by Dale Fiske
Advertiser News Feature Writer

Last July, adversity struck Ace Auto Body, 1363 Main Street, in the form of lightning. A direct hit flash-burned through the top of the building and sent flames along wires and out electrical units. The whole shop had to be gutted.

Three months later, despite the tough economic times due to the recession, Ace Auto Body was back in business. Leslie Melanson of Agawam, owner of the family-run business, said he is thankful to the many friends, customers, and family members who pitched in to help with rebuilding efforts.

Melanson explained, "Many of these people would just stop by and start working with us. People have been so good to us."

The Melansons were also helped by friends with other businesses. Melanson said, "They helped us out a lot and gave us a break. We appreciate them."

The fire came during the height of the recession, and as Melanson said, "I have never received a cent from my insurance company, so everyone's help has meant so much."

Although Melanson has never figured out the exact amount of damage, he does know that in parts alone, over a quarter of a million dollars was lost. "We're still going through some of the debris to see what we can salvage," he stated.

Much of the large machinery in the shop was also damaged in the fire, but Melanson said they are repairing it because it's a lot less expensive that way than trying to replace it with new machines.

Melanson, his son Steven, and Steven's girlfriend, Debbie Ryan (who also works at the shop), consider themselves lucky, citing that the fire could have been a lot worse. "We were never completely out of business. Initially, we took in small jobs, things we could do out in the driveway (to survive)."

He added, "We also had customers who stood by us and waited a long time for us to get to their cars. That says a lot, and we want to thank them for it."

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"A person aggrieved by the refusal of assessors to abate a tax on personal property at least one-half of which has been paid, or a tax on a parcel of real estate, may, within three months after the date of the assessors' decision on an application for abatement as provided in section sixty-three, or within three months after the time when the application for abatement is deemed to be denied as hereinafter provided, appeal therefrom by filing a complaint with the clerk of the county commissioners, or of the board authorized to hear and determine such complaints, for the county where the property taxed lies, and if on hearing the board finds that the property has been overrated and that the complainant has complied with all applicable provisions of law, it shall make a reasonable abatement and an order as to cost;

"Provided, that is the tax due for the full fiscal year on a parcel of real estate is more than two thousand dollars, said tax shall not be abated unless the full amount of said tax due has been paid without the incurring of any interest charges on any part of said tax pursuant to section fifty-seven of chapter fifty-nine of the General Laws; and provided further, that for the purposes of this section a sum not less than the average of the tax assessed, reduced by abatements, if any, for the three years next preceding the year of abatement may be deemed to be the tax due, provided that a year in which no tax was due shall not be used in computing such sum and if no tax was due in any of the three next three preceding years, the sum shall be the full amount of said tax due, but the provisions of said section fifty-seven of said chapter fifty-nine shall apply to the amount of the tax deemed to be due and the payment of said sum without incurring any interest charges on any part thereof shall be deemed to be the payment of the tax.

"No appeal may be taken under this section with respect to a tax on property in Revere or Winthrop. Whenever a board of assessors, before which an application in writing for the abatement of a tax is or shall be pending, fails to act upon said application, except with the written consent of the applicant, prior to the expiration of three months from the date of filing of such application it shall then be deemed to be denied and the assessors shall have no further authority to act thereon; provided, that during the period allowed for the taking of an appeal the assessors may by agreement with the applicant abate the tax in whole or in part in final settlement of said application, and shall also have the authority granted to them by section seven of chapter fifty-eight A to abate, in whole or in part, any tax as to which an appeal has been seasonably taken.

"If the list of personal property required to be brought in to the assessors was not brought in



LESLIE MELANSON of Agawam, owner and operator of Ace Auto Body on Main Street, works on a car last week. Advertiser News photo by Joan Lussier.

within the time specified in the notice required by section twenty-nine, no tax upon personal property shall be abated unless the board appealed to finds good cause for this delay or unless the assessors have so found as provided in section sixty-one, or unless such tax exceeds by fifty per cent the amount which would have been assessed on such estate, if the list had been seasonably brought in, and in such case only the excess over such fifty per cent shall be abated.

"A tax or assessment upon real estate may be abated although no list of property was brought in within the time specified by the notice required by section twenty-nine; provided, that the application for an abatement of such tax or assessment included a sufficient description of the particular real estate as to which an abatement is requested."

In preparing your case in front of the Appellate Tax Board, the following should be kept in mind:

1. You must show and testify to that all jurisdictional and procedural requirements have been met to be in front of the Tax Board; that you filed the abatement timely; you paid the real estate taxes; that you were given notice or there was inaction by the Town or City; that you filed your appeal petition with the Appellate Tax Board timely and that you served the appeal petition properly.
2. As the owner of the property, you will then be able to testify as to the problems, rents and the uniqueness of your situation.
3. Experts who must be qualified as to their experience, education and abilities are broken down into two categories:

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ACE AUTO BODY - From Page 18...

The Agawam Fire Department also heads Melanson's list of people to thank. He said, "They were here quickly, and they did a great job."

Ace Auto Body is now open Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., and on Saturdays by appointment. As Melanson states, "Ace Auto Body is more than a complete body shop. We are all skilled technicians."

The entire staff is ASE and I-CAR certified. Annually, the staff also attends frame school for up-to-date training.

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In the past, Melanson and his staff have done research on special themes to insure the customer's satisfaction with the job.

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Being a mortgage officer, I review credit reports every day. Those that have bad credit always blame their rating on their credit cards ... when, in fact, the problem is poor money management.

Even those who are not in trouble may want to reconsider their use of credit cards, unless they always pay the entire bill in full each month. The reason ... under the tax reforms from several years back, deductions for credit card interest are no longer available.

Although you may want to just cut up your credit cards and try to get by without them, you must remember, we live in a credit card society. It's critical for you to learn self-discipline and intelligent spending habits to take advantage of the convenience (and the savings) of credit cards.

WHAT SHOULD I DO?

* Limit yourself to only two or three credit cards. A bank card covers almost all purchases ... you may want one for business ... one for your personal purchases ... and perhaps one from your favorite department store. (Shop around for low-fee or no-fee bank cards. Don't get hooked into expensive "status cards.")

* Record all of your charges in a small memo book that you carry with you. Keep a running balance of how much you've charged for the day ... for the week ... for the month. Will you have sufficient funds to pay off the balance in full when the bill arrives?

* Put a "cap" on your credit limit ... don't let the credit-card companies set it for you! They're always happy to reward you for being such a "good customer." If you must, call your banks now and reduce your limits if you're having a problem controlling your spending.

(Special warning ... as a mortgage officer, I always look at an applicant's credit limit. Even though the applicant may have low balances on their accounts, I realize that they could go out and "charge up a storm" overnight.)

* Spend no more than 10% to 15% of your monthly take-home income on consumer debt (this is a general guideline ... though someone with low income should allow for a lower percentage). This includes car loans, credit cards, student loans, etc. If your monthly payments for debts exceed that amount, you're probably headed for trouble.

You should stop incurring new debt until all your credit cards are paid off in full. Then follow your budget/spending plan properly!

If you are heavily in debt from credit cards or

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any kind of unsecured debt, find a nonprofit consumer-credit counselor (check the yellow pages) who will set up a repayment program and appeal to card companies to lower your monthly payments until the debts are paid off ... (It's best to pay as much as possible, as soon as possible ... since interest usually continues to accrue on unpaid debt).

* If you absolutely must, use your savings as an alternative to credit cards. Too many people are forced to use credit in an emergency because they have no savings to fall back on.

You must change your approach ... I've written many times about the need for an emergency/investment fund with at least six months' of expense money. Use the money only in an emergency, and pay back money as you would a bill.

* Know your goals (they should be written down and placed in a location where you can read them daily) and budget accordingly. Don't worry about "The Jones's." You should know the difference between what you want out of life ... and what you need out of life. Be sure that you are focusing on your priorities!

IT'S YOUR RESPONSIBILITY

Proper money management is everyone's responsibility ... the sooner you learn how to control your money, the better off you'll be ... now, and in the future.

Don't be like the many people I speak with that are under a mountain of debt ... and no way out! I sometimes scratch my head, wondering how they'll survive in their golden years.

Everyone must start planning for tomorrow ... and cut back on their credit today. BEST WISHES FOR SUCCESS!

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- A. an appraiser who can testify as to the fair market value; and

- B. an insurance representative or contractor who can testify as to the replacement costs.

NOTE: You have to choose between the formal or informal procedure in front of the Appellate Tax Board. The major difference being that the infor-

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It seems that everyone I know that follows this procedure has had excellent luck with their car. Do the oil changes yourself ... or do what I do ... watch the newspaper for specials.

* Annuity-buying checklist. Ask ... What is the current interest rate ... what were the rates for the past three to five years ... for how long is the rate guaranteed ... how is the rate determined ... what are the portfolio bonds rated (select only a policy with bonds rated A and above) ... how long has the insurance company been selling this particular annuity ... what is the company's A.M. Best rating? (Again, it should be A or better.)

mal procedure requires that you waive any rights or appeal. However, the appellee may transfer the petition to the formal procedure automatically if the assessed value of the property exceeds \$20,000.00.

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Spotlight On Business - continued...**Riverside Park Hands-Out Employee Awards**

RIVERSIDE PARK handed-out employee awards recently. IN TOP PHOTO, Clark Woodard (center) receives an "Outstanding Maintenance Person" Award from T.C. Freeman (right), director of Maintenance, and Roch Picard. IN PHOTO BELOW, Brian Allaire received the "Maintenance Person of the Month Award" from Picard and Freeman.

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The public is cordially invited to every meeting. Give a membership as a gift for a friend!

Toast of the Towns Toastmasters meet at 7:00 p.m., the first and third Thursday of every month at the First United Methodist Church, 16 Court Street, Westfield.

For further information on Toast of the Towns Toastmasters, contact Maggie Souders at 535-4076 or Carl Clem at 568-1772.

West Side Toastmasters meet at 6:30 p.m. the second and fourth Thursday of every month at the West Springfield Public Library, 200 Park Street, West Springfield.

For further information on West Side Toastmasters, contact Jim Hickey at 535-4121 or Jeff Souders at 786-1380.

Bankers' Night At Chez Josef June 16th

The Home Builders Association of Greater Springfield will hold its annual Bankers' Night membership meeting on Tuesday, June 16th at 6:00 p.m. at Chez Josef, Agawam.

Massachusetts Treasurer and Receiver-General Joseph D. Malone will be the keynote speaker at the meeting. He will discuss the Commonwealth's current financial situation and its impact on business.

President Robert Wooster will honor Edward T. Speight of Ed Speight & Co. Building Contractors of East Longmeadow and Attorney Richard D. Harrington of Springfield as the association's builder and associate member spotlights.

For additional information, please call the Home Builders Association of Greater Springfield at 733-3126.

Ag. Retired Employees To Meet June 23rd

The Agawam Retired Employees Association will hold a meeting for all retired town employees on June 23rd, beginning at 1:00 p.m. in the Agawam Public Library Hearing Room on Cooper Street.

The subject of the meeting will be a review of the 1992-93 Blue Cross/Blue Shield medical plan for retired employees, including such related issues as a dental plan, new rates, and new mail service pharmacy benefits.

There will be a representative from Blue Cross/Blue Shield to answer your questions.

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Stress Seminars Planned For June

Dr. Steve Sobel, Founder and Director of The New England Institute for Stress Management of West Springfield, announces the seminar schedule for June/early July.

Please call 785-1259 to receive a registration form which explains each seminar and denotes location. Seminars fill up quickly and pre-registration is needed.

* Seminar: "Stand Up and Deliver" - how to become comfortable and proficient with public speaking. Time: 7:15 to 8:15 p.m. Cost: \$10/pp. Date: Monday, June 15th.

* Seminar: "Creating High Levels of Personal Success & Self-Esteem." Time: 7:15 to 8:15 p.m. Cost: \$10/pp. Date: Thursday, June 18th.

* "Adult Self-Esteem/Personal Success" - four Session Program: meets on Thursday evenings (5:15 to 7:15 p.m.) for four sessions. Small group of seven to 10 adults who want to achieve goals, and learn the many ways that self-esteem can enhance their lives. Cost: \$100/pp. Program Dates: On Thursdays, June 25th, July 2nd, July 9th, and July 16th. Location: Dr. Sobel's office, 425 Union Street, West Springfield.

* "Strategies to Keep On Keepin' On" - Group for Separated/Divorced Fathers: Date: Fridays, June 19th and June 26th. Time: 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. Cost: \$60. Location: 425 Union Street, West Springfield.

* Seminar: "Creating High Self-Esteem for Children" (ages 9 to 13). Cost: \$15 per child. Location: 425 Union Street, West Springfield. Time: 9:30 to 11:00 a.m. Date: Thursday, June 25th.

* Seminar: "The Real Power of Laughter, Humor, and Daily Positive Attitude." Cost: \$29/pp. Date: Wednesday, July 8th. Time: 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. (contact hours available).

* Seminar: "How to Deal & Communicate Effectively With Difficult People." Cost: \$19/pp. Date: Wednesday, July 15th. Time: 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Birthday Ads are \$25 with picture, \$15 for smaller ad without picture. Deadline is Tuesday at noon. We open at 6:30 a.m.

**Happy 25th Anniversary,
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Insect Bite Treatments Important In Summer

If you are an outdoor enthusiast, knowing the correct treatment for insect bites and stings this summer is a necessity.

According to Lois Girard, R.N., Nursing Supervisor for The Professionals at Baystate Medical Center, "The local symptoms of insect bites or stings include pain, itching, redness, and swelling, and usually appear within minutes, but can sometimes take six to 12 hours."

For the treatment of most bites and stings with local symptoms, Girard recommended placing ice or a cold compress on the site of irritation. However, if you have been bitten by a spider, you should go to your local emergency room.

"In the case of an allergic reaction to a bite or sting, it is imperative to activate immediate medical emergency treatment by calling 911," said Girard.

The symptoms of an allergic reaction to a bite or sting include swelling in areas other than the immediate area of the bite, like the eyes, lips and tongue, coughing, sneezing, difficulty breathing, wheezing, tightness in the throat, cramps, nausea, and vomiting.

Mosquito bites can be treated with a cold compress and calamine lotion to relieve the itching.

"When it comes to bee stings with local pain, swelling, and itching, the stinger can be removed, if it is visible, by a scraping motion. Pulling a stinger out is not recommended," said Girard.

To treat a tick bite, first disinfect it with rubbing alcohol, and then pull the tick straight out with a pair of tweezers. It is important to pull out the entire tick, including the head.

It is important to see your emergency room doctor if symptoms of a tick bite include a red raised rash or joint pain.

Signs of infection from any type of bite or sting include redness, warmth, and tenderness around the site, an elevated body temperature and chills. An infection should be treated by a doctor.

"If the itching intensifies or the bite becomes bigger in the first 24 hours, or if by the second or third day conditions have not improved, call your doctor," said Girard.

For more information on insect bites or stings, call The Professionals at 784-2255, or toll free at 1-800-HEALTH from outside the Springfield area.

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Cancer Support Group At Noble Hospital

Noble Hospital's Cancer Support Group will meet on Thursday, June 18th from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. in the hospital's auditorium.

The monthly support group is open to individuals with cancer, and their families or support persons.

Registration is not required.

For further information, please contact Ana Nunez, R.N., Same Day Care at Noble Hospital, 568-2811, ext. 479.

La Leche Moms Plan To Meet June 15th

If your family is concerned with their eating habits, the West Springfield-Agawam La Leche League: Family Nutrition Demonstration meeting may interest you.

The meeting will be held on Monday, June 15th.

For further information, contact Chris at 737-9700 or Jeanne at 739-7923.

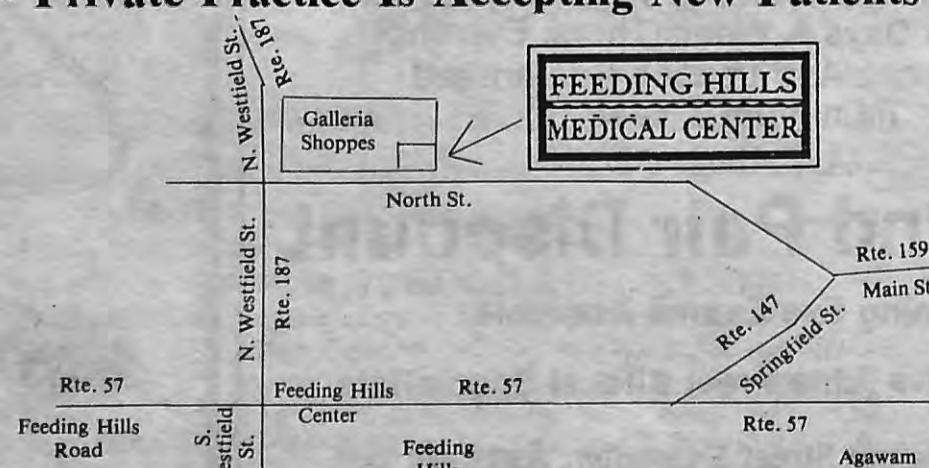
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Arts

Valley Community To Hold One-Act Play On Pope John XXIII

"An Audience With Pope John XXIII," a brilliantly staged one-man production based on the life of Pope John XXIII—the man whose faith and hope illuminated the world, the Pope who transformed the church and the image of the Papacy—will be presented at the Red Door Theatre in the Performing Arts Center on the campus of Valley Community Church, 152 South Westfield Street, Feeding Hills.

There will be two performances. The first will be an evening performance starting at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, June 27th; the second will be matinee performance beginning at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, June 28th. Ticket prices are \$7 for adults, and \$6 for children and senior citizens.

The show recently returned from a successful two-week tour of Catholic parishes in Florida, appearing in such cities as Lakewood, Ocala, Hialeah, Winter Haven, and Key Largo.

Broadway actor Anthony Bertoldo magnificently recreates an authentic live portrayal of Pope John XXIII. Mr. Bertoldo's physical resemblance to Pope John XXIII is uncanny! Add this fact to Mr. Bertoldo's professional acting ability, and you have an extremely realistic Pope John XXIII!

"An Audience With Pope John XXIII"—complete with lighting, sound, costuming, and sets—is being directed by Lyle W. Pearson, whose honors include Best Director, Best Set Design, and Best Connecticut Production Awards for the 1988 ACT/CONN Drama Festival, plus the prestigious Moss Hart Award For Excellence in Community Theatre.

Pope John XXIII was friendly and welcoming. He was loved by all, young and old, Catholic and "separated brethren," Jews, Communists, and Buddhists.

He was the Pope who mediated the Cuban missile crisis between Kennedy and Khrushchev. No other Pope has been so loved.

For further information, please call the Valley Community Church at (413) 786-2445, or Three-B Productions at (413) 789-1412.

Arts Council Slates Meeting For Sept.

The Agawam Arts & Humanities Council has changed the date for anyone who is interested in becoming a new member of the council to Monday, September 12th, 1992, at 7:00 p.m. in the Community Room at the Police Station.

The council feels that the first of the 1992-1993 meetings would be a more opportune time to attend than the last of the 1991-1992 meetings.



BROADWAY ACTOR Anthony Bertoldo will recreate the life of Pope John Paul XXIII at the Red Door Theatre at Valley Community Church on June 27th and 28th.

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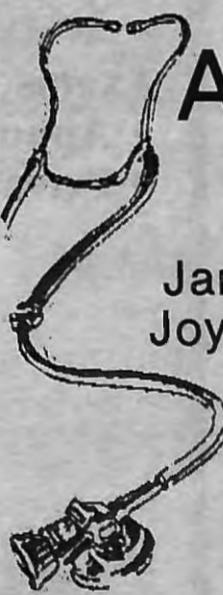
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Encore Players' *Equus* Is The Stuff Good Theater Is Supposed To Be

by Christine Plesyk
Advertiser News Staff

Director Lyle Pearson of Suffield admits that the decision to do *Equus*—and do it as written, with a single nude sequence—was "taking a risk."

It's a risk that has paid off for Pearson and the Encore Players, with a production that is the stuff good theater is made of.

Peter Schaffer's compelling drama *Equus* tells the story of a British stableboy who, in a bizarre act of violence, blinds four horses.

It's the job of psychiatrist Martin Dysart (played superbly by veteran actor Dick Volker) to find out what compelled the youth to commit such a crime.

The boy, Alan Strang, is played by Louis Manzi—first with a detached otherworldliness, and later with torment and passion as the mysteries of the mind (and the heart) are laid bare.

Jean Burns is the caring magistrate who brings the case from her courtroom to Dysart's hospital. Burns brings her own wide-ranging abilities into the play, empathizing with both patient and doctor, each facing their own set of intertwined emotions.



ALAN STRANG (Louis Manzi) is comforted by his psychiatrist Dr. Dysart (Dick Volker) in the Encore Players' production of '*Equus*'.

Arnie Woods and Evelyn Holland are Alan's parents; she a stern and strictly religious woman, he an equally determined atheist.

Kathy Renaud is Jill Mason, Alan's girlfriend.

As the story unfolds, 16 members of the audience seated on stage are drawn into the drama as Dysart slips from commentary about the case into the action, drawing Alan from reluctant admission to relived passion.

Lighting director Marge Secora worked with Pearson to create a smooth transition from scene to scene, jumping from character to character, past and present without ever losing a beat.

"The action had to be seamless," Pearson said earlier, noting that the probing of mind un-

covers layer upon layer of past hurt and present agony.

Manzi gave an exhausting performance, placing himself in the mind of Alan Strang, who had sheltered himself with emotional barriers soon to be ripped apart.

Dysart, probing with words, actions, and a lack of reaction, explores a world where the objects of adoration are horses; horses with staring eyes and powerful flanks, and the majesty of strength and height.

Alan's fascination was rooted in childhood, and defiled in young adulthood. Obsession grew from that.

Dysart learns of Alan's nighttime rides, naked on the back of the horse, feeling passion unlike any he's ever experienced before. And he learns of Jill (with the young and pretty Jill) to a pornographic moviehouse where he also sees his

father.

In the aftermath of that encounter comes Alan's failure in making love to Jill, both partially clad in the stable, under the eyes of his "gods."

As Alan relives that sequence, he sheds his clothes and—naked under the stop action lighting of strobes—blinds the very horses he has until now worshipped.

Dysart, knowing the boy's secrets, is now sure he can help but is himself curiously tormented by the knowledge that so few people have ever felt the kind of passion that this teenaged boy has experienced.

The true test of *Equus* is that viewers were so embroiled in the emotions of the play that any issue of nudity was a non-issue. It fit, perfectly. It was done, perfectly.

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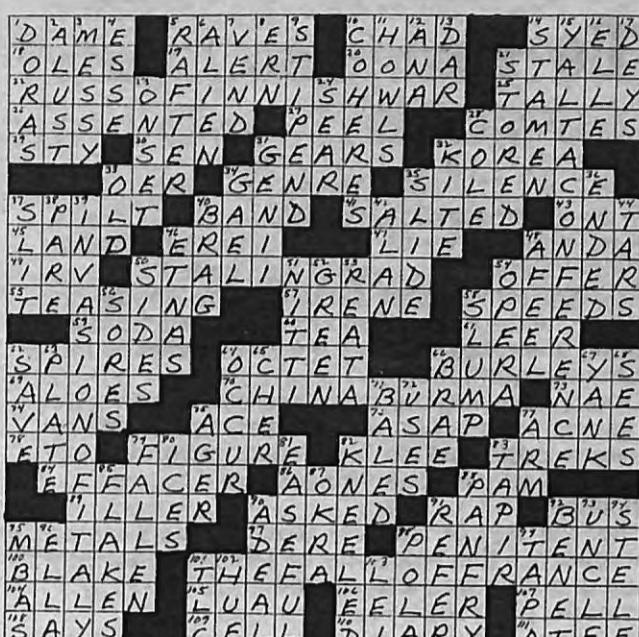
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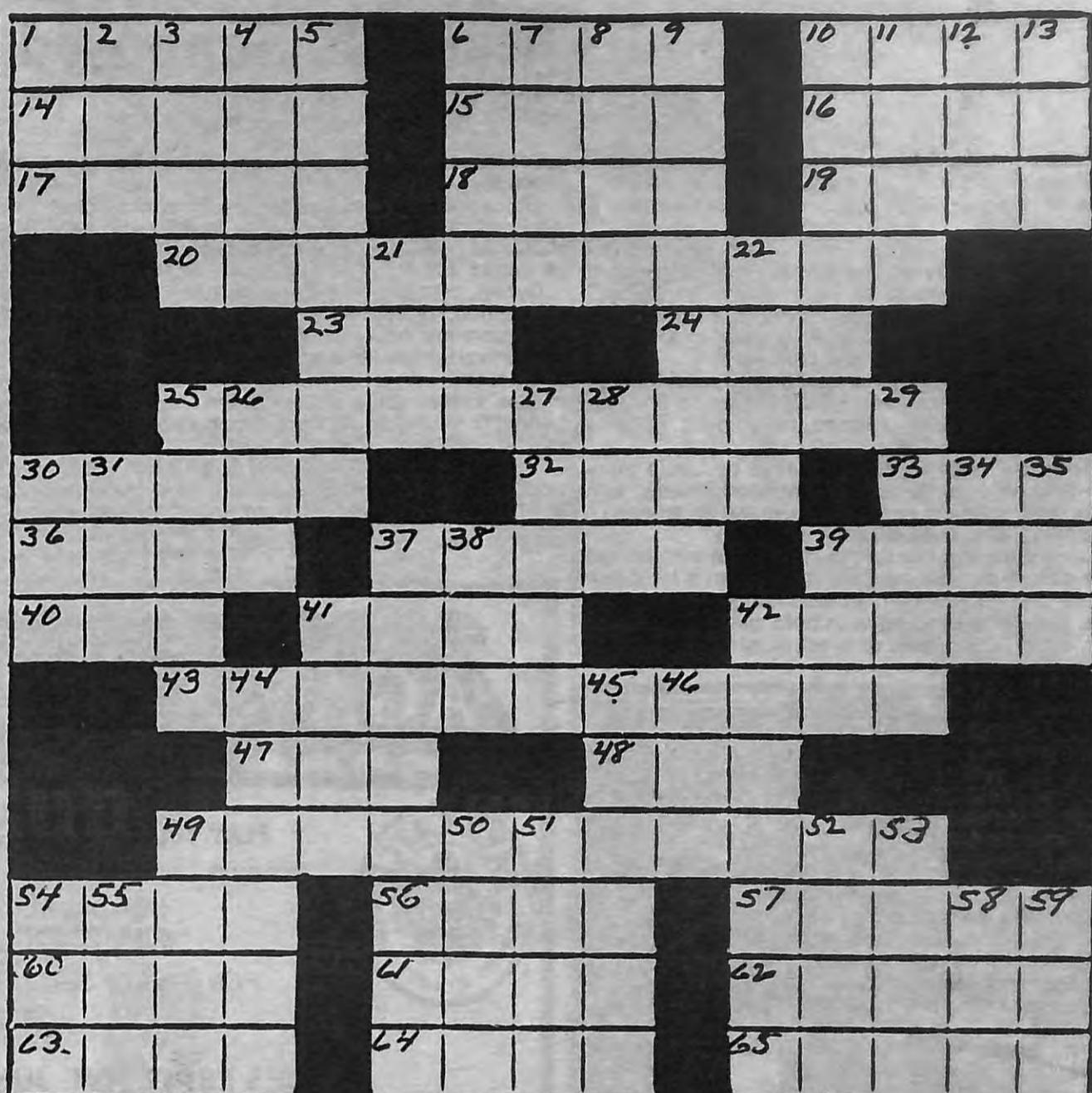
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MEET THE MASTER - by Dick Mastroianni**ENCORE PLAYERS - from Page 25...**

The audience, exhausted and humbled by the viewing, left knowing they had experienced something truly special.

Mention must also be made of the horses, in particular of Nugget (played by David Healey) who, in one sequence, gallops across the stage carrying Strang as the midnight rides are recreated.

The horses are created with elaborate golden wire-frame headpieces (loaned from UMass from a decade-old production of *Equus* by Commonwealth Stage) and hooves strapped over their shoes, not unlike a bizarre version of toe shoes. The hooves allowed the horses to recreate the sounds and movements of stabled horses.

Supporting players included Paul MacDonald and Bettie Hallen as the stable owner and Alan's

nurse, respectively; and Luke Gelinas, Carole Balthazar, and Joel Schnur as the other three horses.

The play is not for children, since it contains adult language, complex ideas, and the aforementioned nudity. Young adults (parents, you know your teens) may find the play a source of discussion for days and days.

Schaffer's dialogue is replete with meaning, brimming with feelings, and guaranteed to provoke thought.

The Encore Players and Pearsons are to be applauded for their courage in bringing a fine if infrequently seen play to the MacDuffie stage in the form it was intended.

They are to be applauded also for the excellence of every facet of production—acting and technical.

This critic thanks you, on behalf of the audiences you have so well pleased.

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Whirlpool Corporation home economists suggest serving Cranberry-Burgundy Glazed Ham as the main course of such a menu. It has just six ingredients, three easy preparation steps, and 15 minutes microwave cooking time.

To complete the menu, add herbed long grain and wild rice, buttered baby carrots, and brown-and-serve rolls.

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1 3-lb. canned ham, cut into 1/4-inch slices
1 can (16-oz.) whole cranberry sauce
1 cup firmly packed brown sugar
2-4 tablespoons burgundy or dry red wine
1 teaspoon prepared mustard
1 tablespoon cornstarch

Place ham in 13 x 9 x 2-inch glass baking dish. Set aside.

Stir together remaining ingredients in small glass bowl. Microwave at HIGH (100%) for 3 minutes or until mixture begins to boil. Stir. Microwave at HIGH until thickened.

Pour half the glaze over ham. Cover. Microwave glazed ham at MEDIUM HIGH (70%) for 12 minutes, giving dish a half turn once. Serve remaining warm glaze as a sauce to pass.

Nutrient information
(per serving)

Calories	259
Protein	21 g
Fat	5 g
Cholesterol	43 mg
Carbohydrates	31 g
Sodium	1454 mg

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Bananas and other satisfying fresh fruits make a savory meal with spicy almond dressing and sauteed or grilled chicken in this easy-living salad recipe.

CHICKEN SALAD WITH ALMOND DRESSING

4 grilled or sauteed boneless, skinless chicken breast halves

4 Dole Lettuce leaves
1 melon, peeled, cut in wedges
1 Dole Kiwi, peeled, sliced
1 Dole Mango, peeled, sliced
1 Dole Cucumber, sliced
1 Dole Red Bell pepper, julienne cut
4 Dole Grape clusters
2 Dole Bananas, peeled, sliced
Strawberry garnish, optional

ALMOND DRESSING:

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- Place chicken in center of 4 lettuce lined plates. Arrange fruit and vegetables around chicken.
- Serve with dressing.
- Serves 4.

ALMOND DRESSING: Combine all ingredients in blender.

Per serving: 513 calories, 32 g protein, 23 g fat (3 g sat.), 51 g carbohydrate, 483 mg sodium, 68 mg cholesterol.

Prep time: 25 minutes.

Kabobs With A Tropical Flair

Juicy pineapple and moist fish are delicious in the Oriental-style marinade for Island Fish Kabobs.

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1 can (20 oz.) Dole Pineapple Chunks
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1 Dole Red Bell Pepper, seeded, cut in 24 cubes
8 (10-in.) skewers
2 tablespoons soy sauce
1 tablespoon sesame oil
1 tablespoon honey
1 tablespoon grated fresh ginger
2 medium cloves garlic, pressed
1/4 teaspoon Chinese five spice
2 tablespoons water
2 tablespoons cornstarch

- Drain pineapple, reserve juice. Alternately thread pineapple, fish and red pepper on skewers. Place in 13 x 9-inch glass dish.

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Agawam Repertory Wins Theatre Award

Hopscotch, produced by Agawam Repertory Theater, was the winner of the best production award at the recent Community Theatre Drama Festival.

Held May 16th-17th at the Moses Theater in West Springfield, this was the 16th annual theatre festival and the first time that ART received the prestigious award.

Written by Israel Horovitz, *Hopscotch* tells the mysterious encounter between a man and woman who appear to be strangers until the truth of their explosive past is revealed.

The drama also won best actor (Josef Wille), runner-up best actress (Halina Radosz) and runner-up best director (Sondra Radosh).

Chris Rohmann of the Valley Advocate who served as one of the judges described *Hopscotch* as "...a beautiful mosaic of a performance."

WILL Bond of StageWest was the other judge.

Hopscotch will in the fall compete in the New England Regional Drama Festival at Brandeis University. If it wins, it will be eligible to compete at the National Community Theater Festival.

ART will present a special showing of *Hopscotch* before the group competes at Brandeis.

All American Fest At Valley Community

"Valley On The Hill All American Festival" will be held on the Campus of Valley Community Church, 152 South Westfield Street, Feeding Hills on July 18th and 19th.

As part of the Festival, an Arts and Crafts Show and Sale will be held on the grounds on Saturday, July 18th from 10:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. and on Sunday, July 19th from 12 noon until 7:00 p.m.

At this time, there are still spaces available for the Arts and Crafts Show. Artists can call Valley Community Church for information or registration.

For further information, contact Rev. Robert Murray or DeeDee Blackman at (413) 786-2445.

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- For marinade, combine reserved pineapple juice, soy sauce, sesame oil, honey, ginger, garlic and five spice. Pour marinade over skewers. Cover, marinate in refrigerator 4 hours or overnight.

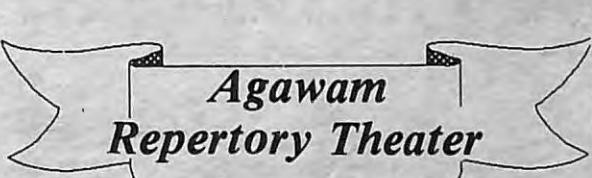
- Remove skewers from dish; place on broiler. Broil 4 to 6 inches from heat 8 to 10 minutes, turning once.

- To make sauce, pour marinade into saucepan. Blend water and cornstarch; add to marinade. Cook over medium heat, stirring, until thickened. Serve sauce over kabobs. Serve with rice, if desired.

- Serves 4.

Per serving: 296 calories, 28 g protein, 7 g fat (1 g sat.), 32 g carbohydrate, 615 mg sodium, 60 mg cholesterol.

Prep time: 15 minutes; Marinate: 4 hrs.; Cook time: 10 minutes.



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The Minister's House

In 1757, there were enough people living south of Agawam River to form a new Parish.

The original Puritan religion, the Congregationalist, was still supported by taxation, but other denominations were moving in. There were Baptists here in 1727.

A group composed of both Congregationalists and Baptists sent a petition to the General Court asking to be established as a Parish. The petition was granted and a warrant for the first Parish meeting was sent out February 9, 1758.

With this action, residents of Agawam set up their first form of self government.

A meetinghouse was built on the site of the present High School and Mr. Sylvannus Griswold of Lyme, Connecticut was asked to settle here as permanent minister.

In 1762, it was voted to build him a house, perhaps even a brick house. The intentions of the

people were optimistic, but it was 30 years before building was even started and then it was never as good a house as some Agawam people built for themselves.

Mr. Griswold married Elizabeth Marvin of Connecticut and moved into a small house at Feeding Hills Center. The house was even then getting old and delapidated. Six children were born there. Mrs. Griswold died in 1797 at age 59 and Sylvannus married Mrs. Ely Colton of Granby, Connecticut.

A Baptist minister moved into the village and drew about half of the congregation into his own church. The Revolutionary War and financial depression further delayed Parish plans.

In 1790, it was thought possible to go ahead with the building of a house for the minister. It was constructed on land just below Granger School, but not actually finished until after his death.

Mr. Griswold had one son and five daughters, four of whom were living at the time of his death in 1819. The house passed into the hands of Elizabeth, wife of Elijah Gaylord.

After Mr. Gaylord's death, it was sold to Dr. Cyrus Bell.

The house was remodeled several times, two chimneys built to replace the central one. The fireplaces were taken out years later.

For some years, the house and about two acres of land were owned by Mr. and Mrs. Arol Hill. The house was demolished in 1965 to make room for new construction.

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Suffield Players To Perform In Drama Festival

Suffield: The Ninth Annual ACT/CONN State Drama Festival will be held Saturday June 13th and Sunday June 14th at the Jeanace Seavers Performing Arts Center, Suffield Academy.

ACT/CONN is a 10 year old association of state community theatres with officers sitting on the board of the New England Regional Festival (NERF) Committee which represents Region I of the Association of American Community Theatres (AACT).

Community theatre groups from all over the state travel to Festival each year to display their hard work, share their craft and have their productions adjudicated by professionals. For one group the end result will be the honor of "Best Connecticut Production." That entitles the recipient to enter NERF this Fall.

Other award categories include Best in directing, acting, costumes, set design and honorable mentions in each.

Saturday's sessions include the following groups: Hamden Community Theatre, "Dentity Crisis"; Nutmeg Players (of Guilford), "Fool For Love"; the Suffield Players, "The Nightengale and Not the Lark"; the Alliance Theatre (New Haven), "Happy Endings"; and the Somers Village Players, "Committee Meeting."

Sunday's session feature Valley Repertory Company (North Central CT), "The Rats"; Theatre Works (New Milford), "Twain Remembers"; and The Jesters of Windsor, "Did You Ever Go To P.S. 43?"

Following Sunday's session, the Awards Ceremony for the Festival will be held at 6:00 p.m.

The performances begin at noon each day. \$6 per session, \$12 for all three sessions.

For additional information, call 741-0517 or 636-6551 (days).

New Members Needed For Ag. Arts Council; Info Night June 15th

The Agawam Arts & Humanities Council is comprised of volunteers appointed by the community's chief elected official. Any resident who is interested in joining the council should write to Mayor Christopher Johnson and express that desire.

The council maintains ties with local cultural organizations, individual artists, and humanists to assist them in planning projects that meet community needs. It works to see that the cultural projects funded by its allotment of arts lottery money benefit its community to the greatest possible extent.

Volunteer work on the part of the council members includes diligently reviewing grant applications in accordance with the state's guidelines which outline purposes, policies, and procedures.

Their support and dedication to the arts and humanities help bring to the community of Agawam many varied cultural programs, such as the successful and ongoing "First Friday Series," the summer concerts, the popular bus trips, and the Midwinter Night celebration.

The council meets the second Monday of the month at the Agawam Police Station. Anyone who is interested in becoming a member and would like more information, is welcome to attend the June 15th meeting held at the Community Room of the Agawam Police Station, beginning at 7:00 p.m.

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Probably not. Spells of summer drought have not been limited to the Midwest. In fact, approximately one-fifth of the United States still suffers "extreme drought conditions," according to the national meteorological index.

This summer, water will once again be recognized as one of our most precious resources. Although you may be lucky to live in an area without imposed watering restrictions, sky-high water bills can still drain even the most extravagant gardener's budget.

Fortunately, you don't have to be a slave to the weather. There are several important water-conserving practices you can put to use before that first inevitable heat wave strikes.

Remember, smart watering practices are the best drought insurance. The following are some helpful tips from the experts at Easy Gardener:

Select an efficient watering system. When rain is scarce, drip irrigation is the best way to water. It distributes water only where it is needed—directly to plant roots—at a rate that is slow enough for the water to soak in properly.

Sophisticated drip systems can reduce landscape water use by 15 to 50 percent. Limit use of oscillating sprinklers, which can lose through evaporation as much as 50 percent of the water they disperse.

Water sensibly. Knowing when to water is just as important as knowing how much to water. One of the best ways is to use a moisture sensor tube or a soil-sampling tube which lets you extract soil and check if it is moist or dry.

Water in early morning, when there is less wind to blow water away and less sun to evaporate it.

Xeriscape. Xeriscaping (pronounced Zera-scaping) is a back-to-nature approach to low-water landscaping that can save between 30 and 60 percent on your water bill.

Xeriscapers recommend using drought-tolerant flowers, flowering shrubs, trees, vines, and

ground covers native to an area, and planting them in groups according to their various water needs.

In general, plants native to your region are better able to withstand sharp weather swings than those adapted only to dry or wet climates.

Know when to plant. To help plants better withstand drought, start them off quickly to establish them in their permanent site before summer.

In addition, plant in late afternoon or early evening and water immediately, which gives young plants more time to adjust to the new location before the midday sun evaporates moisture from leaves and soil.

Avoid overfertilizing. Though fertilizing plants early in the season results in lush, rapid growth, too much fertilizer may be hazardous to your plant's health, especially during extended dry periods.

Slow-release fertilizers that ensure slow but steady growth work best.

Install a cistern. Cisterns (large containers or vessels) were popular years ago, particularly in the West where they were used to collect rainwater falloff. And they work just as well today.

Collect water for irrigation by simply channeling downspouts into drums, barrels, buckets, or holding tanks. Rainwater is fresh, free, and salt-free.

Use a landscape fabric. Still a relatively new product, landscape fabrics—such as WeedBlock—cover and cool the soil, minimize evaporation, and block weed growth. The lightweight, porous black material allows water through and helps conserve moisture without soil souring or mildew-ing.

Landscape fabrics can also reduce outdoor watering frequency by as much as 50 percent. For greater water retention, add a layer of decorative mulch on top.

Though summer can be tough on gardens and gardeners alike, learning how to use water wisely is not only good for the environment, it can save a lot of money, too.

Arts Council Has Trip To Boston Sept. 26

The Agawam Arts & Humanities Council is sponsoring a bus trip to Boston, Massachusetts, on September 26th, 1992.

Anyone interested in tickets may send a check made out to the Agawam Arts & Humanities Council and a self-addressed, stamped envelope to Barbara Dunn, 588 Main Street, Agawam, MA, 01001.

The trip will be Saturday, September 26th, with departure time at 8:00 a.m., from the parking area

at the Agawam High School. Price is \$12.50 per person, and is non-refundable.

The bus will stop at the Museum of Fine Arts, Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum, and Quincy Market. Departure time from Boston will be at 6:00 p.m., arriving at the Agawam High School by 8:00 p.m.

If there are any questions, please feel free to call council member, Barbara Dunn, 786-7147, or Beverly Secondo-Wands, 786-0138.

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The Westfield Theatre Group of the Westfield Woman's Club is accepting registrations for its Summer Youth Theatre Workshop for young people 13 to 18 years of age.

No previous theatre experience is necessary. The Instructor is CTA award winning director Larry Andersen, M.Ed.

The workshop will begin Monday, July 6th and run through August 7th at the Westfield Woman's Club, 28 Court Street, Westfield.

The workshop will be held weekdays from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The workshop will include classes in acting, auditioning, and improvisation.

The students will also receive instruction in set construction, lighting, make-up, costume and play production.

The highlight of the workshop will be a production the evening of August 7th open to the public—produced by and starring the students.

Tuition is \$300 for the five weeks and must be paid at the time of registration. Registration is limited to the first 20 applicants.

The deadline for registration is June 30th. For further information or a registration form, call 568-8149.

Jr. Women's Club Publishes Cookbook

The Agawam Junior Women's Club has published a new cookbook entitled "Summer Sensations" which features 88 summer recipes, including appetizers, beverages, barbecued items, salads, and desserts.

All recipes were submitted by club members and friends, and include dishes which are light, easy to prepare, and use fruits and vegetables of the season.

The cookbook will be available for \$3 at the Junior's Annual Arts & Crafts Festival on June 13th and 14th at the Agawam High School, or can be purchased by calling Stephanie, 786-4578, or Karen, 789-4525.

Proceeds from the sale of cookbooks will benefit the club's community projects.

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This Week At THE MOVIES

by Christine Plesyk
Advertiser News Staff

Sister Act

It's corny, often predictable. It's reminiscent of the sitcom style of movie comedy popular three or four decades ago. But the bottom line is ... it's a lot of fun.

Sister Act is an irreverent comedy about an aspiring female vocalist who, in her off-hours, is mistress to a mob boss—until the moment she witnesses a murder at his order.

Whoopie Goldberg is Deloris Von Cartier, a Diana Ross wannabe, singing 60's tunes in a Reno lounge. Harvey Keitel is her lover, Vince LaRocca, who tries to buy her off with his wife's mink coat.

Deloris wants no part of the murder, however, and heads to the cops, where LaRocca's longtime pursuer Eddie Mulcahy decides to put the earthy Deloris in the safest house he can find ... a convent!

Under the watchful if reluctant eyes of the Mother Superior (played to perfection by Maggie Smith), Deloris proves that except for music, she really hasn't got any skills.

Into this unusual menage, add sweet-as-sugar novice Sister Mary Robert (Wendy Makkena with a hidden bluesy voice), the droll elder Sister Mary Lazarus (veteran character actress Mary Wickes), and the impish wit and jocularity of Kathy Najimy as Sister Mary Patrick.

Posing as Sister Mary Clarence right down to the black robes and white whimple, Deloris just can't get anything right in convent life, like sneaking out to a neighborhood biker bar at night and otherwise wreaking havoc with the otherwise staid, sedate, and isolated lifestyle of the good sisters.

As a last resort she's assigned to the choir, and the movie really begins to move, with the off-key sans harmony sisters turning mass into a message for all ages.

Goldberg is pretty darn good as Deloris, and Maggie Smith in her supporting 'superior' role is a tad better, but the limelight falls more than once on Najimy, whose bright eyes and rosy cheeks and un-nunlike behavior touches a universal sense of humor.

Sister Act is the kind of movie drive-ins were

made for, but in the absence of outdoor theaters, head indoors. It's too good a film to wait for on videocassette.

Class Act

Class Act is the newest Kid N' Play offering, pairing the musical duo of Christopher Reid (Kid) and Christopher Martin (Play, the straight man) in a film with a plot as outrageous as the hairstyles of the lead players.

They play, respectively, a nerdy genius and outcast jailbird, both wading through high school for separate reasons that somehow intertwine, though it is hard to care how or why.

It's a plot of mistaken identities that hits moments of madness and humor, but somehow never really assumes its own identity. Pass.

Patriot Games

The long-awaited screen version of the Tom Clancy thriller *Patriot Games* is here, and as thrillers go "it ain't bad." It "ain't" great either.

Harrison Ford, however, makes a believable former fed who instinctively jumps into the midst of an assassination plot against British royalty ... a plot ostensibly executed by the IRA but, in fact, by a splinter group of radicals whose leader survives even as he nurtures a hatred for Ford, who killed his "baby brother" in the melee.

The action is split between England and the good old U.S.A., with a shot or two of Ireland thrown in.

As the plot unwinds (its intricacies with more lines than a spider's web), the view needs a scorecard to keep track of the players ... the only problem is that—even without having read the book in its reportedly different slant—one could guess the bad guys long before they did anything bad. Characters and game plans were telegraphed by a director who needed a few more lessons in subtlety.

The cast is a who's who of familiar faces, including that of Richard Harris as an Irish leader.

Patriot Games has suspense, chases, shoot-em-ups, espionage, terrorism, and adventure—and it all works well enough to see, and that's what a lot of Clancy fans were hoping for.

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Luigi's Challenge

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2) What comedian became famous while playing the character Mork from Ork? _____

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Last week's answers: 1) Eddie Albert; 2) True Grit;
3) Houston

Last Weeks Winner: BETH KELLEY !!!

Agawam Poet Agnes R. Neylon Smith Memorial Day Reflections

*The bells in the chapel are tolling today,
Not in lament, but in a praiseworthy way;
They remember, with sadness, the most hurtful part,
How war took a piece of their innermost heart;*

*Our dearest loved ones were lost in this strife,
To maintain our freedom, they bargained their life;
Our faithful flag never left their side,
Throughout all adversities, did faithfully abide;*

*The flag kept them warm at their last sad farewell,
As the guns' proud salutes, had their praises to tell;
This is the day, since the beginning of time,
All over the land, the church bells didst chime;*

*For every hero of every battle throughout all the ages,
Etched on our hearts, and on life's epic pages;
This very special day, we'll esteem and revere,
And deep in our hearts, our heroes, endear;*

*With the flag embracing the sky in all glory,
Memorial Day recalls America's proud story;
With joy intermingled with tears of great sorrow,
We kneel by the grave, praying for peace for the morrow.*

Agnes R. Neylon Smith

Forever Memories (Memorial Day)

*We raise the flag and place the wreath,
With love and pride, but endless grief;
We honor our loved ones, forever brave,
Who, for our land, their lives they gave;*

*We have parades and marching band,
In all the towns across the land;
We kneel beside the grave and pray,
And tearfully remember our loneliest day;*

*Churches echo with choral singing,
And chapel bells in fervent ringing;
Over the land from hill to dale,
Resounds, in reverence, the soldier's tale;*

*We send the sailor's wreath to sea,
And pray it finds its way to lee;
As we hoped the sailor had done before,
And found his way to a friendly shore;*

*But, sorrowfully, fate had turned the tide,
And taken our hero from our side;
And tolled the bells in pain and sorrow,
Telling the world of a waning tomorrow;*

*The soldier and sailor in our thoughts and our heart,
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No Consumer Affairs On Today

by Robert D. Chadbourne
Advertiser News Contributing Writer

If you're a *Today Show* watcher, you'll notice there are no more Betty Furness consumer affair reports. As of March 18th, reports by Betty Furness ended after a run of 16 years. Eons in the life of anything in broadcasting.

Betty Furness did a ton of good for America. Her only transgression was that over the many decades of serving us as a consumer watchdog, she became 76 as part of the process. Young broadcast executives think of you as dead at 76. Television no longer has anything to give you at 76, and precious little to sell you.

NBC President Michael Gartner gave the obligatory praise. "Betty Furness is indeed a household name, and a name that has made many households better and safer places." And then he fired her. Because she's 76.

NBC says it wants to do more investigative consumer reporting. Why then would the brass not want a Betty Furness on board to both do that reporting and lead a new generation of reporters into her craft? No, no, Betty Furness is 76.

As one who has experienced every form of age discrimination there is, I can't sit still for this ouster that is clearly based on age alone.

Indeed, the very subjects she's been reporting on in recent times, hospital efficiency, varying telephone company claims, child car seat safety, how safe is your bank, are all areas of concern to our most rapidly growing segment of population—the elderly. Who better than one from their own ranks should be making these pitches?

Betty Furness graduated from movie and stage acting to doing commercials for Westinghouse Corporation, a job that largely involved opening refrigerator doors.

However, her consumer credentials have deep roots. She has been on CBS-Radio in *Dimension of a Woman's World* and *Ask Betty Furness*. She served as an assistant to the President for consumer affairs. She was chairman of the President's Committee on Consumer Interests. She wrote a consumer column for *McCall Magazine*. She served as executive director, NY State Consumer Protection Board. She was also Commissioner, New York City Department of Consumer Affairs.

As a TV reporter and news director, I always liked her for her ability to ask what I've always called the "lip-quiver" question.

That's the heart-of-the-matter question, worded in tight language, impossible to duck, and revealing to the interviewee that this reporter on the other side of the microphone is not a bimbo, but someone who has read every study, talked in advance to every knowledgeable person, and is an interrogator from whom one does not wiggle away.

I have seen no evidence that Betty Furness has suddenly lost these attributes.

If NBC only had the integrity to say, "We look for certain qualities in consumer affairs reporters, and old age isn't one of them," then we'd at least have a feel for corporate policy.

Lightning could strike, and this tremendous woman who wants to continue working could land another job, but the odds aren't good.

So, let it be said Betty Furness didn't rid the world of all the sleaze, but she ferreted out a lot of it, and the broadcast executive talent that decided to fire her because she's 76 would look like Daffy Duck if she ever got them "live" one-on-one.

Early Childhood Workshop Slated At Agawam Public Library On June 17th

The Agawam Public Library will present a workshop, Early Childhood Education, conducted by Teresa Urbinati on Wednesday, June 17th from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Topics to be addressed will include developmentally appropriate practices and expectations, emerging literacy, and the selection of nursery schools and day cares.

What is meant by the developmental approach will be examined as well as practices such as the "Whole Language" approach to reading that support a developmental approach. Time will be provided to ask questions concerning early childhood education.

Mrs. Urbinati is presently a half-time preschool teacher and half-time programmer in the Agawam

School Department. She has 15 years teaching experience in preschool and kindergarten in various early childhood programs.

She has a master's degree in Early Childhood Education and certification in early childhood and young children with special needs. Most recently, Mrs. Urbinati assisted in the presentation of the library's popular Early Childhood STEP program.

To register for the program, call 789-1550 or visit the library on 750 Cooper Street. Refreshments will be served.

This program is funded through the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners with Title I funds of the Library Services and Construction Act, a federal source of library funding.

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RETIRING ACTING AGAWAM JUNIOR HIGH Principal John Ferraro with his family at Chez Josef last week. From left - Jim, Amy, Cathy (John's wife). Advertiser News photo by R.T. McMullen.



PINNING A BOUTONNIERE on John Ferraro's lapel is Junior High secretary Alexis Ferioli of Feeding Hills. Advertiser News photo by R.T. McMullen.

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Retirement Party A Big Surprise For Jr. High's Ferraro

by Iris Copson
School Department Editor

A surprise retirement party was held at Chez Josef on May 27th to honor Agawam Junior High School Acting Principal John Ferraro.

The testimonial dinner hosted an array of guest speakers introduced by Associate Superintendent Donald Charest, emcee for the evening.

Prefaced as a "Friend of Education and Chairman of the Agawam School Committee," Mayor Christopher Johnson remarked that Ferraro's successor to the principalship (Kevin Littlefield) "will have some very, very big shoes to fill."

Johnson presented Ferraro with a plaque on behalf of the School Committee that read, "Certificate of Appreciation for dedication to Agawam education as high school social studies teacher (1972-73), Junior High School Assistant Principal (1973-1991) and Acting Principal (1991-1992)."

Johnson attributed his own accomplishments to the quality of education he had received under Ferraro and the many teachers in attendance at the dinner, and said he "hoped that some day he could repay everything they have done for (him)."

Cited For 30 Years of Service

Representative Michael Walsh's Aide, Kathy Sheehan, commended Ferraro and presented him with a citation on behalf of Walsh and the Massachusetts House of Representatives for "thirty years of service in education to the Commonwealth."

State Senator Linda Melconian congratulated Ferraro "as a great educator and athlete."

Ferraro was awarded the John Honey Lahovitch Award for "most valuable high school basketball player in Western Mass." and later went on to become a professional athlete with the Boston Braves. He coached basketball and baseball for many years.

Melconian saluted Ferraro as an educator who had the "ability to instill in a young person the opportunity, the will, the drive, and the motivation to develop his or her own potential and also to recognize that he or she has no limitations."

She also presented Ferraro with a citation in recognition of the many years dedicated to education from the Massachusetts State Senate.

School Committee member Louis Massola "and long-time friend of 'Lefty' Ferraro" reminisced about the "Tech Tigers" and Ferraro's varied life.

SEE FERRARO - Page 35...

Happy 13th
Birthday,
Jessica



Love,
Mom, Dad, Elizabeth, &
Samantha

FERRARO - from Page 34...

Massola put together a poem that highlighted Ferraro's sports, army and leadership accolades, as well as his educational accomplishments. Ferraro received his bachelor's degree from American International College (1956) and a master's degree from Westfield State College.

He retires with a 'masters plus 15.' Massola presented Ferraro with a gift from the School Committee and a personnel one.

Charest introduced the Ferraro family, beginning with his wife since 1956, Cathy, and their children: Christopher and his wife, Ann; Jim and his wife, Amy; Lisa and her husband, Eric; Kerry, and her husband, Tim. Also in attendance was Ferraro's mother, Margaret Ferraro.

Superintendent James Bruno made reference to the numerous opportunities Ferraro had over his career to become a principal, but had always been declined. But, Bruno said, "When the time came for us to call upon John to assume that role, he never missed a beat. John, you can't imagine how appreciative I am, and the school community, for the job that you did."

Bruno told Ferraro to "ride off into the sunset and don't look behind, but if you do, I won't be far behind. (Bruno referred to his own retirement this October with this witticism).

Next, President of the Agawam Educators Association and a teacher at the junior high school, Gail Dion, spoke to Ferraro.

Dion thanked Ferraro "for all of the consideration that (he) has given to the faculty and the kind understanding," and she thanked him for being a "haven where we can laugh and joke, but mostly, for being a friend."

School Committee member and Junior High PTO President Susan Pettazzoni called for a round of applause to thank Ferraro for "bringing a pride and a surge to the parents and students at our school."

She jokingly referred to Ferraro's question of "which hat she wears" each time she visited him in his office. She remarked, "Every time I'm there, I've had a welcomed smile and 'Come on in to my office' to make my day."

Praised For Leadership and Dedication

Former junior high school principal and former Assistant Superintendent Paul Tatro, junior high school teacher Roger LeClerc, and secretaries Debra DePalma and Alexis Ferreoli each took the podium to credit Ferraro with friendship, leadership and dedication throughout his educational career.

Tatro said, "John was an outstanding administrator," and Agawam High School Principal John Morrissey spoke as representative of the Principal's Association and another long-time friend.

Co-worker and present Assistant Principal at the junior high, Kevin Littlefield received applause for his new appointment to replace Ferraro when he rose to step to the podium.

He recognized Mrs. DePalma and Mrs. Ferreoli for organizing the testimonial, and also credited teachers Marie Mazza, Andy Krauss, Sue Brown, Tammy Watson, Jean Trinque and Jim Ryan for their assistance. Ryan put together another of his unique videos for everyone's enjoyment (except maybe Ferraro, who turned red as an apple!).

Littlefield also thanked Steve Munley for the piano accompaniment during hors d'oeuvres, ar-

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JOHN & CATHY FERRARO chat with *Advertiser News* School Department Editor Iris Copson (center) and School Committee member Susan Pettazzoni at his retirement party at Chez Josef. *Advertiser News* photo by R.T. McMullen.

ranged by the music department. He added, "Working under John has shown me that the most important thing we are all about is students. Both he and Mr. Tatro are my mentors, and I think I am ready to fill his shoes."

Ferraro was presented with an oversized check to allow him to join any golf club membership and his family gave him a banjo in lieu of a beeper for beckoning him home from the golf course.

Charest culminated the evening's program by presenting the guest of honor as a "mentor in education," who has touched the lives of many people, both young and old."

Ferraro modestly opened his remarks by stating, "I don't think I've given you as much as you've given me. As I had a chance to talk to everybody at each table, it gave me a lot of pleasure.

"It's been tremendously great for me. I spent 13 years teaching in the Springfield School system and I questioned leaving friends there. I wondered if I made the right decision coming to Agawam and a new community.

"I've been blessed. Twenty years in Agawam, and I've met some wonderful people that have been terrific to me. You've made me happy, so I've worked in an atmosphere of joy and happiness. The best teachers are the ones that can create happiness and a joy in learning, and we have tried to create that atmosphere for the kids," concluded Ferraro.

Littlefield also thanked Steve Munley for the piano accompaniment during hors d'oeuvres, ar-

**Library Encourages
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Sign up for a summer of fun in June at the Agawam Public Library!

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Come to the library anytime during June to sign up, collect your membership card and start reading! You can begin earning coupons the day after school ends. We know that we'll have lots of Reading Champions throughout the summer months!

Children who are not yet in school and who cannot yet read by themselves are invited to join the Read-To-Me Club. This program rewards them for sharing 10 books with a family member or older friend.

"Bee a Winner" is our motto, and preschoolers are cordially invited to sign-up in the Read-To-Me Register and start sharing anytime after June 1st.

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Wednesday, June 17th: Cold cut & cheese sandwich in roll with lettuce & mayonnaise, macaroni salad, chilled applesauce, milk.

* Have A Nice Summer Vacation! *

HCC Lists Locals On Honors List

The Holyoke Community College Dean of Academic Affairs Winston H. Lavalée has announced the spring semester 1992 Dean's List.

Local students named to the list are as follows:

From Agawam: William Bates, Scott Benson, Timothy Coffey, Christine Giroux, Jane Kasche, Pamela Lamson, Barbara Murphy, David Poggi, Meghan Reynolds, Robyn Schermerhorn, Robert Stack and Leslie Westone.

From Feeding Hills: Dionne Cogswell, Christopher Corradino, Ronald D'Angelo, Michelle Desilets, Robert Edgley, III, Darren Fisher, Kimberly Hollinger, Sean Macrae, Dorothea Mazelka, Tina Sheehan and Christopher Wood.

Students named to the Dean's List must achieve at least a 3.2 quality point average and have completed at least 12 hours of work.

Cut-A-Thon To Benefit Scholarship

A haircut-a-thon will be held on Saturday, June 27th, from 12:00 noon until 4:00 p.m. All proceeds will benefit the Lisa Ziegert Memorial Scholarship Fund.

The cut-a-thon will be held at Hot Heads salon of Agawam, 419 Springfield Street, next to Mailboxes Etc. and Subway.

Donations will be only \$10 for wash and cut. No appointments are necessary.

Please be a part of your community and come on down to support the memory of Lisa. Any questions, please call 786-0388. Thank you!

Nicole Pajer In National Pageant

Nicole Pajer is Miss Massachusetts Teen of the Nation and will represent the State of Massachusetts in the National Pageant, to be held in Washington, D.C. on August 7th, 8th, and 9th.

Nicole is a student at the University of Massachusetts, as well as an assistant dance teacher at Cindy's School of Dance. She is also Miss Princess (overall winner) and a former Miss Agawam (Talent).

We wish her luck in Washington, D.C.

Charles N. Hoffman On Dean's List

Charles N. Hoffman achieved a Dean's List scholastic average at the University of Massachusetts for the past semester. He will be a junior in September, majoring in pre-med.

Hoffman lives with his parents, Sandra and Richard Marona, in Feeding Hills.



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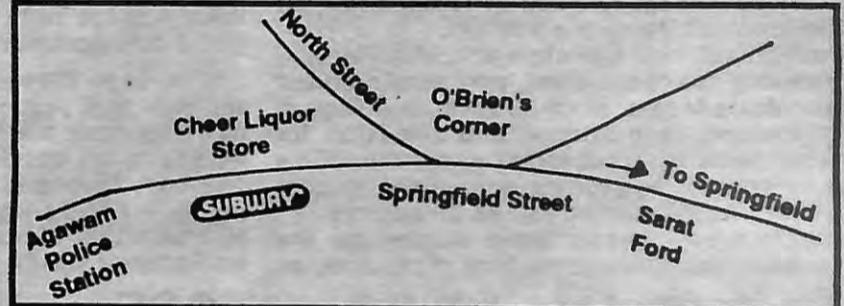
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Creative Writing At Middle School Taught By Author

by Iris Copson
School Dept. Editor

Rhode Island writer Marc Joel Levitt spent a week-long residency teaching Agawam Middle School sixth graders creative writing, creative thinking, drama, and storytelling.

Born in New York City, the versatile playwright spends time acting, teaching, and storytelling in between his weekly radio shows. Broadcast live Sunday nights on WHJJ in East Providence, Rhode Island, "The Blue Bug Radio Cabaret" presents a collection of skits and music for adults—written and hosted by Levitt.

A graduate of Cornell University, Levitt studied playwriting, physical clowning, and performance art with Ed Bullins, Geoff Hoyle, and Nine Weiss in San Francisco. In Paris, he studied clown characterizations with Jacques LeCoque.

In 1987, during a nine-year run of "The Soap Box," a new vaudeville collection performance, Levitt created his one-person play entitled "Johnny Appleseed: Gentle Hero," in which he toured the United States.

"Appleseed's strength, commitment to non-violence, and ecology make him a perfect hero for the '90's," said Levitt.

Levitt's original repertoire includes autobiographical subjects such as: "Summer in the Merchant Marines," "Macy's Santa," "A Fool in Paris," and "A State Fair Odyssey."

His one-act play, "Burning Conscience," was produced in Portland, Oregon, in May 1990, and his latest piece, "Triple Decker," was commissioned by the Providence Parks Department.

This last work is a fictional narrative spanning 70 years in a three-story apartment with different immigrant groups and how they changed.

Taught Various Subjects To Various Audiences

Levitt has taught playwriting, storytelling, creative writing, and drama in schools, libraries, senior citizen centers, and prisons.

In 1989, he taught and performed at an International School in India, and again in 1990 in Ecuador. He is currently negotiating a joint performance and video production in China for the fall.

"Tales from the October Moon" is an original group of stories by Levitt that "capture the magic of New England during Halloween time." This work has been released on audiotape by North Star Records in Providence.

The charismatic author had Middle School students relating personal experiences and interweaving yarns to develop their storytelling abilities. For the homework assignment, they had to write to "Mr. D. Scription."

Levitt said, "I try to work from personal stories and encourage the language between verbal and written communication. I also try to encourage the imagination while basing their stories in accurate descriptions of real-life experiences. This validates childhood as the basis for literature."

Most of Levitt's stories are original and include values important to the issues in growing up. He has a specific program around the topic of self-esteem as well.



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Educator of the Month...

Margaret Bielin Keeps Kids In Harmony

by Iris Copson
School Dept. Editor

Margaret Bielin keeps students at Phelps and Robinson Park Schools in perfect harmony throughout the school year.

Bielin has been teaching music classes at the two elementary schools for the past six years, five days per week. "I meet with grades one through four for 30 minutes once a week, and for 25 minutes each week with kindergarten and DLC classes," she said.

This year has added a few more classes to each school and the class sizes were increased, but it has not deterred Bielin's love of teaching music.

Before her tenure in Agawam, Bielin taught in West Springfield at the high school level for four years, and then at the junior high for five years.

She noted, "I began substitute teaching in Chicopee and West Springfield the first year I graduated from college. I've taught music for a total of about 15½ years."

Bielin received her bachelor of music education from the University of Lowell in 1976. She recalled, "The music campus, where I spent most of my time, was separate from the rest of the university."

Bielin has played piano since second grade (when she took lessons), and she now sings with the Schola Cantorum, a chorale group, in Springfield.

"We travel around to different places and perform music from many different time periods," said Bielin.

She and her husband Ed reside in West Springfield with their two children. Their 15 year-old daughter Lynn attends West Springfield High School, and their son Joe, who is 11 years-old, at-

tends Fausey School.

Robinson Park School has become well-known for its excellent musical productions each year. Bielin explained her encouragement, saying, "It gives students a good feeling about themselves, especially when they're up there performing in front of friends and parents in the audience. It gives them a feeling of accomplishment."

This year, Robinson's fourth graders in Rooms 15 and 20 presented a Christmas musical under the direction of Bielin. In May, the fourth grade chorus and Rooms 12 and 14 produced the musical version of "Peter Pan." Teachers Andy Bower and Pat Burnette once again constructed a spectacular stage setting.

"The classroom teachers worked with students on the speaking roles, and I worked with them on the musical parts," said Bielin.

She added, "The music curriculum was done over completely in 1988. We wanted a logical progression for a good understanding, love, and enjoyment, as well as music appreciation."

She noted, "We do a little bit of everything: music theory, listening, singing, and movement. In our folk dancing project this year, students learned to walk to the beat of the music in circle dances that were non-threatening."

No one, in fact, seems threatened in any way at the thought of music classes with Bielin. She is well-liked by her faculty peers and spoken highly of as a member of Robinson Principal William Sapelli's staff.

Parents feel she puts forth the extra effort that makes her an outstanding teacher, and her students happily look forward to Bielin bringing music to their ears, minds, and hearts.



MARGARET BIELIN

Support Group For New Jr. High Students

The Agawam Counseling Center will be offering a support group in July and August for boys and girls from the sixth grade who will be going into the junior high school in the fall. The group will provide a chance to talk, plan, make friends, and have fun.

The group will meet Thursday mornings from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m., starting July 2nd and running until the end of August. There is no fee for the group, though members will be asked to make a small donation for snacks.

If you are interested in learning more about the group, or if you would like to schedule a screening interview, please contact Nancy Jessup at 786-6410.

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Science Fair Held At Clark School

by Iris Copson
School Dept. Editor

Room 14 fourth graders held a Science Fair for parents and students at Clark Elementary School to enjoy this month.

Twenty students in Ms. Valerie Liptak's class garnered ideas and topics from books borrowed from the Agawam Public Library and brought in to their class by parent Susan Mutti to begin their projects.

Mrs. Mutti said, "The students needed to have a write-up, hands-on activities, charts, and posters to display for the Science Fair. They did such a nice job holding the fair for their peers and younger classmates, that we decided to open the

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Three AHS Teachers Feted For High Ideals By Delta Kappa Society

Three Agawam High School teachers are members of the Alpha Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma Society International.

They are Mrs. Geraldine Schilling-Nordall, Chairman of the Art Department, who has been a member since 1965; Mrs. BeverlyAnn Pasternak of the Math Department, who has belonged since 1991; and Mrs. Arlene Mazza, Chairman of the Business Education Department, who joined in 1977 and is the incoming president.

Alpha Chapter in the State of Massachusetts was organized in Boston on May 16th, 1942, by Sara E. Chase and is comprised of teachers from Hampden, Franklin, and Hampshire Counties. Presently, there are 81 members in Alpha Chapter.

This chapter recently celebrated its 50th anniversary at the D.J. St. Germaine Campus Center at Western New England College with a dinner meeting and entertainment. This site was chosen as Dr. Beverly Miller, President of the College, and Dr. Judith Brissette, President of Administration and Planning (both Alpha members), hosted the celebration.

Membership in this International Society, with its headquarters in Texas, is obtained through invitation, with its members being recognized for their service to education and their dedication to the high ideals of the teaching profession and the progress of humanity.

SCIENCE FAIR - from Page 38...

fair an extra day and have parents be able to come in and view the work."

The students worked independently at home and outside of the classroom in groups. "They learned good teamwork," said Mrs. Mutti, adding,

Mrs. Mutti noted, "Each student will receive a Certificate of Merit for their work on the Science Fair."

"There was one group of five and many groups of two."

There were nine different topics on display during the fair, which included: Poisonous Sea Creatures; Eyes; Food Groups; Prisms and Behavior of Light; Fiber Optics; Bees and Wasps; Volcanoes; The Five Senses; and Muscles in the Body.

Originally, the fair was scheduled to be shown to fourth grade peers in other classes only, but the children were so proud of their work and did such a fine job on the projects that Ms. Liptak decided to open up the fair on Wednesday, June 3rd, for Clark students in other grades, as well as parents.

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AGAWAM HIGH TEACHERS honored for being members of the Alpha Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma Society International include BeverlyAnn Pasternak (center), Geraldine Ann Schilling-Nordall, and Arlene Mazza. Looking on are Western New England College President Beverly Miller and Judith Brissette, president of administration and planning.

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This year, nine children have registered for day camp at a cost of \$75 each. Presently, they are \$500 short of being able to send these children.

On behalf of the children, Open Pantry is asking for donations to their Campership Fund. They may be sent to the West Springfield Open Pantry, 1023 Main Street, West Springfield.

Be Sure To Teach Pool Safety To Children

For fun around your pool this summer plan to educate yourself and teach your children the fundamental rules of water safety.

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- Never leave your child alone in or near a pool. An adult, who is a strong swimmer, knows CPR, and knows how to get emergency help, should always be present when children are in the pool area.

- Fence in your pool completely. The fence should be at least five feet high so that children cannot easily climb over it.

- Teach your children water safety habits. Children should not run, push others under water, jump on others, dive or jump into shallow water, or swim during lightning storms.

- Keep rescue equipment by your pool. Poles, ropes and first-aid equipment should be available at all times.

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Claudine Noftall Chosen To Study In Africa

Claudine Noftall, a 1990 graduate of Agawam High School, has been accepted to Boston University's Study Abroad Program in Niamey, Niger, Africa.

Claudine is currently a junior at Boston University in the School of Education studying both elementary and special education. She has achieved Dean's List status, which requires a 3.5 average for a minimum of two consecutive semesters.

In cooperation with the Universite de Niamey, Boston University offers an academic program in Niamey, centered around a core of courses which examine the social, historical and political underpinnings of Sahelian life and culture and Niger's educational reform efforts.

Students accepted to the program are required to work independently researching and carrying

out a project in conjunction with a field placement in a development agency, educational institution or other setting.

The research project and related writing is supervised by University of Niamey faculty. Projects have included agricultural ventures carried out under the supervision of development agencies, oral history projects, and development of educational materials for the National Museum.

Recently, a disastrous fire destroyed the National Museum of Niger. It was a living museum where artisans and historians live and work and is the cultural and zoological educational center for the country. Students who are going to Niger this year will contribute their labor along with the Nigerians to restore this institution.

Claudine will be leaving for Africa on July 23rd and returning in December.

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Girl Scout Chatter

On Wednesday, May 20th, Pioneer Valley Girl Scout Council adults gathered for the annual Awards and Recognition evening. One of this year's recipients of a "VIP" pin was Lynn O'Brien, leader of Cadette troop 550 from Agawam. The VIP (very important person) pin is given by PVGSC as "an expression of appreciation for extensive service."

Lynn has been an active participant in Agawam girl scouting for the past four years. As a volunteer leader for three years of a Junior troop, and this past year of a Cadette troop, her girls have enjoyed a wide range of program activities. On a unit level this year, she used her fine organizational skills to run the first-ever Agawam Unit Christmas Party, which was attended by 18 troops.

The "World of the Outdoors" (one of the five program worlds that girl scouts work in) is a favorite of Lynn's. In addition to leading two unit camporees at Perry Lane, she is also the director of the Agawam Summer Center. Under her direction, the Summer Center at Robinson Park has grown tremendously in the past three years.

Lynn also took on additional challenges this year when she was appointed one of the program directors for PVGSC's innovative program for Springfield girls entitled "Girl Scouting In the Schools." The Agawam unit congratulates Lynn on her award and thanks her for sharing her time, energies, and talents with the girl scouts in Agawam and the Council.

Also receiving awards at the Council Awards and Recognition evening were St. Theresa's Church and Father Breton; Sue Hansen, who received her 10-year membership pin; and Sandy Dubay, who received her 15-year membership pin.

Congratulations and kudos to Jennifer Kratovil from Cadette troop 545. She was chosen from among many older girl scouts in the country to attend a girl scout "Wider Opportunity" entitled "Cajun Days and Cajun Ways."

She left by plane on June 6th for a two-week experience in Lafayette, Louisiana. There, along with 39 other Cadette and Senior girl scouts from

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around the country, she will experience the diverse culture of this region by visiting such places as the salt domes, a tobacco factory, a sugarcane farm, an alligator farm, and (of course) the Mardi Gras.

She will also become involved in the environmental concerns of a coastal state by participating in wetland activities, and will learn to cook and eat new foods while attending a "Cajun cooking school."

Jennifer is an 8th grade student at St. Thomas School who has been involved in the Agawam girl scouts for eight years. She has been an avid camper at Camp Bonnie Brae each summer for many years.

Along with five other girls from her Cadette troop, she has been working for two years on earning her Silver Award—the second-highest award a girl can earn in girl scouting. The troop has almost reached their goal.

The Agawam girl scouts will anxiously await Jennifer's return so we can hear all about her adventures.

BROWNIE TROOP 561

Phelps School

by Marjorie Bilodeau - Age 9

Brownies is very fun! You do lots of stuff in Brownies. Once we did a piñata. We had a big party with lots of piñatas at the Rollaway. Here are the Tri-Its we did: Outdoor Fun, Earth is Our Home, and Art to Wear. I'm very glad I'm in Brownies.

A Poem

*Brownies, Brownies they're good to eat,
But they're also something special down in my heart,
That nothing could ever pull them apart.
Even though they're good to eat,
They can never be made of iron and concrete,
They can only be made of badges and thread,
And they will never give you a terrible dread!*

NEWS AND NOTES

Note: Parents of Agawam girl scouts—please, if you have not done so, send in your phon-a-thon pledge to the Pioneer Valley Girl Scout Council's Annual Giving Campaign.

It is important for our local council to receive financial support from parents if girl scouting is to continue and grow and offer quality programs in Agawam and the other communities in this area. Thank you.

Special thanks to Chris Marsh for a great job organizing the second annual Junior Banquet on May 11th. Mothers and daughters enjoyed a pot luck dinner, and the girls received all the awards they had worked on this year.

The girls, led by enthusiastic leader Pat Reveruzzi, provided the entertainment—they sang and danced their way around the room.

On Saturday, May 13th, five troops participated in an outdoor unit event at Perry Lane Park. The girls took turns going to three different stations for soccer, volleyball, and parachute, and then went on a scavenger hunt in the woods.

Each troop cooked their own supper over an open fire. The ever-sweet taste of S'mores topped off a fun event.

If there is any girl scout who did not receive both a Summer Center brochure and a Camp Bonnie Brae resident camp brochure in the mail, call the Pioneer Valley Girl Scout service center at 525-4124.

There are some great programs being offered to girl scouts (and also non-girl scouts) this summer.

On Monday, June 8th, 35 older Junior and Cadette girl scouts participated in the first-ever Agawam Good Government Day.

These hardworking girls were given a folder a couple of months ago with a schedule of School Committee and City Council meetings they must attend. Once attended, they answered questions about our city government, collected news articles, and picked four city departments they would like to find out more about.

Girls with completed folders were assigned one of their chosen departments and spent the morning learning all about it. Girls and leaders alike had a great time and learned a lot from Good Government Day.

Many thanks to Helen Manning and Doris Donovan, who coordinated the program. Thanks also go to the city government departments who so graciously allowed the girls "to take over their department."

Four troops from Agawam are gearing up for a camping trip to Camp Bonnie Brae in East Otis, Massachusetts, in the middle of June: Brownie 524, Brownie 543, and Junior 548; Brownie 564 will visit the camp for the first time during the day.

Older girl scouts from three troops, who usually are avid Camp Bonnie Brae campers, are branching out this year and trying something new. Junior 565 will be touring in Maine, Junior 551 will be camping in Granville, and Cadette 545 will tackle primitive camping in the area around Gillette Castle in Connecticut.

Good luck to all these adventurous people!

Last-minute notes on next year:

By the second full week of school in September, girls should have brought home an interest sheet to sign up for girl scouting. Note that it is important for everyone (both new and returning girl scouts) to fill out this form.

Since many new girls sign up each year, it is usually necessary to begin new troops with new leadership. Many women find girl scouting's co-leadership to be a fun and rewarding way to spend quality time with a group of girls. Girl scouts have the reputation for doing a lot of "really neat things."

No experience is necessary to help or lead a troop. Training and ongoing support are provided. Meetings times are flexible—they can be arranged around your own active lifestyle.

As you plan your schedule for the fall, please give this some thought. For more information, questions, concerns, etc., about girl scout leadership, call Margaret Bilodeau at 786-9083.

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Brownie Golfers Enjoy Pretty Good Day At Western Mass. Golf Championships

by Bob Johnson
Advertiser News Sports Editor

The Western Massachusetts High School golf championships took place on Thursday, June 4th, at the Hickory Ridge Country Club in Amherst. The Brownies of Agawam played excellent golf for much of the day before a late-day slump cost them an opportunity to play for the State title.

"These kids played some marvelous golf during the tournament," said coach Paul Bachini. "But, it all unravelled for them at the 17th tee."

"The best thing is that we only lose one kid to graduation (Chris McElligott), and the rest of them now know what it is going to take to be successful again next season."

Bachini told the *AAN* about "sitting in the shade of a beautiful tree near the 17th tee" when his team started to head for the home hole.

"The kids were right in the thick of the hunt at that time. D.J. Rapacki had a 39 on the front with three birdies; his brother, Scott, had four birds prior to the 17th, and he was only two over for the day; and Brian Borecki was six over after 16. We

were in great shape."

But, the golf gods weren't smiling on the Brownie sextet as they struggled their way through the final two holes of the day to finish fifth in the seven-team competition.

The scores were certainly nothing to be ashamed about—Scott Rapacki carded a 77; Borecki signed a scorecard with an 80 on it; D.J. Rapacki fired an 82; and McElligott got home in 84.

In team championship play, only four scores are used, but Cory Chianciola scored an 85 and Eric Charest carded a fine 86. Charest eagled the 11th hole, but two snowmen on the front side spelled his demise in the scoring chase.

Bachini also told the *AAN* that the team (in conjunction with Oak Ridge Country Club) would be holding a benefit golf outing later this summer for a variety of reasons, including purchasing equipment for the team and possibly awarding scholarships to seniors in the program. Details will follow as they become available.

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Amherst Again Too Much For AHS Softball

by Bob Johnson
Advertiser News Sports Editor

It was one of the loudest one hitters that you ever might see, but Amherst Regional's Colleen Lashaway left handed her way to a Western Mass Semi-Final shutout victory as she and her Hurricane teammates downed Agawam 8-0 last Wednesday night (June 3rd) at Sot Park.

The Hurricanes remained undefeated with the victory as they headed for the finals; the locals finished up the season at 16-6 with a job well done. It was their third loss of the season to Amherst.

Amherst's Immediate Break

Both teams had wonderful, representative crowds in attendance for the showdown, and the Hurricanes caught an immediate break.

Stephanie Mason opened the contest with a ringing single to left center field. The throw in from the outfielder trickled past second base, and the always daring Mason took a chance trying to make it to second base. She was out by a wide margin.

That hurt when Dina DeMarco followed with a walk. Deb Conklin bounced into a fielder's choice, and the inning ended when Kim Trudel banged a deep fly ball to right that was hauled in on a fine diving catch by Amherst's Meghan Reid.

From the two previous games with Amherst for reference, it would have been nice to get on top of this fine squad. It didn't happen and the Brownies paid for it—immediately.

Cyndi Stone (who would go on to hurl one of her best ballgames) came out of the gate very slowly. She walked the first two hitters and threw three wild pitches.

Laura Thompson followed with a booming triple to left center for another run before Jen Pariseau finished the rally with a strong flyball to left, good for a sacrifice fly.

Stone shut down the Hurricanes from that point until the fifth inning, but the Brownies were having no luck with the left handed slants of Lashaway.

Mason reached again in the third when first baseman Trini Moruzzi dropped a throw from the shortstop. Mason swiped second and third, but was stranded when DeMarco flied to right field.

The Brownies were able to keep the potent Hurricane attack in check much of the night, due in large part to an excellent coaching decision by Agawam coach Debbie Lickley.

She had the outfield defense shifted severely towards the left field line in order to cut down on the gap power displayed by the Hurricanes in previous games.

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As AHS 1992 Spring Season Ends, This Guy Is Lookin' To Summer

by Bob Johnson
Advertiser News Sports Editor

It starts when you are bundled up late in March. The spring rain pelts down, usually at an awkward angle, and most of the athletes have a wind-breaker (at least) at the ready.

In the end, most of the assembly is in shorts and trying to show off the beginning of yet another summer tan. Spring Sports have come and gone one more time.

It is doubtful that anyone around Agawam will look back and point toward that wonderful schoolboy and schoolgirl spring of 1992. Although it's the shortest season calendar-wise, the spring tends to be a grind sometimes.

The teachers (and most of the coaches are teachers) and the students start to reach out for the beckoning summertime. The seniors yearn for graduation. The coaches have a more difficult time motivating their troops to stay focused.

Seems A Much More Leisure Pace

Add the fact that the sports played during the spring are much more leisurely (as far as action goes) than the non-stop sports that are played in the fall and winter seasons. Baseball and softball might be more cerebral (and for my money, better games); track is a fascinating, exciting sport but there is far too much waiting around between events; golf is a lot of shotmaking and waiting on the tee; and tennis doesn't lend itself to spectators when played inside a chain link fence.

The Agawam High kids didn't win any championships in the spring of 1992. And there are still far too many people that measure the total package simply by wins and losses. But great strides were made in several sports.

The golf and softball teams fielded a ton of youth. (There was only one senior on the golf team and Coach Debbie Lickley didn't have a 12th grader on the roster this season on the softball team.)

Both teams enjoyed plenty of success as the golf team was at or near the top in their league before dropping the season's final match and grabbing third place.

The softball team only had six losses in 22 tries. But half of those were against untouchable Amherst, a team that simply had all the pieces of the puzzle this season. Look for AHS in the Western Mass. Finals a year from now. Early handicapping tells me there won't be a team that can touch them next year.

The AHS Infield was comprised of two solid freshmen, a sophomore, and a sound junior. The outfield had three juniors and their junior catcher

might have been the league's most exciting and valuable player. The mound chores were handled by a hardthrowing sophomore and a promising freshman.

End Of An Era

Coach Gerry Smith bade the AHS baseball team goodbye after 25 years on the diamonds. His club didn't get a lot accomplished in his final year as the Brownies came home with a 6-14 slate. But the locals did stay in the face of a lot of teams this year and just missed the playoffs when they dropped an extra-inning game on the final day of the regular season.

The new AHS baseball coach will inherit some kids that can play the game and I understand that the younger crop (fresh and Junior Varsity) has some plums that can step up immediately. I understand there will be a host of candidates to grab Smith's post. Heck, I might even have to submit my name for consideration.

The track teams finished in the middle of the pack in both girls' and boys' action. Depth proved to be a problem for the umpteenth year in a row. AHS fielded some quality kids but the numbers were just not sufficient to win some of those close meets.

In the Western Mass. Division I Championships, the Brownies were well represented as each kid continued to better his/her season's best performance. Coach Jeff Reece left for greener pastures in Colorado recently and his head coaching position will have to be filled for the girls' team.

The tennis teams were plagued by injuries, illnesses, academic ineligibilities, and so forth. Both struggled just to finish the season. Both teams are coached by fine people that really enjoy what they are doing. The kids don't lose when that circumstance is happening.

Ready For The Summer

All in all, I'm ready for the summer. It's about time for a vacation for me and I'm sure that I'm not the only one that feels that way.

Like Coaches Eric Lunden and Reece said as the Western Mass. Division I Track Championships were winding down at distant Williams College - "Do you know what season it is now? It's football season." I guess they're right.

I will hit a few softball diamonds and baseball diamonds first. But it's already time to start thinking about the pigskins, the soccer balls, and Coach Cindy Grieve's little field hockey sticks.

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It worked to perfection as centerfielder Conklin was able to run down several deep drives that she might not have had a chance on had there been a normal defense. Not one Amherst hitter was able to take advantage of the wide open right field line.

Amherst Scores Big In The Fourth Inning

Amherst burst the game wide open in the fourth when they paraded nine batters to the plate and scored four times. Agawam pitched in with an error and a couple of poor defensive decisions, and the Hurricanes had pretty much written the outcome in granite.

Right fielder Reid made another nice diving grab on Trudel in the sixth, and Lashaway kicksaved her way to a fine defensive effort on the mound in support of her pitching. The Brownies would never get another hit after Mason's show-starting single, despite some very well-hit balls.

The 'Canes made it 8-0 in the sixth on a single, a wild pitch, a groundout, and a throwing error by Trudel to seal the final margin.

Amherst will graduate six of their starting ballplayers, and the Brownies will come back next season with essentially the same team, as not one of this season's squad is in the 12th grade currently.

Ag. Revolver Club To Hold Pin Match

On June 14th, the Agawam Revolver Club will hold a CF Bowling Pin Match for Revolvers and Open Class shooters.

This match will be open to the public and will be held at its outdoor range on Rte. 57, one mile from its clubhouse on the Agawam-Southwick border, beginning at 10:00 a.m. rain or shine.

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You want to keep your arms from separating during the backswing. I have found that they work together, and stay together, very nicely when your right arm keeps close enough to the body to prevent the ball from dropping out of your armpit.



Fantasy Baseball Is No Lark!

by Bob Johnson
Advertiser News Sports Editor

About seven weeks ago, I wrote in these pages and told everybody that I had joined a Fantasy League for baseball. I thought I might try it for a lark. It's a pretty big business, don't you see?

In the World Baseball League, there is something like 29 separate leagues, and there are 12 teams in each league. I play against guys from Ohio, Wisconsin, West Virginia, Connecticut, Washington, Iowa, and so on.

As of this writing, I am in second place in my division, but I am two games below .500. It has turned out to be much more than a lark.

I've never followed baseball more closely. The very nature of the makeup of the teams forces you to follow each team and read every boxscore every day. It is a heck of a lot of fun.

I have acquired a Red Sox player (finally) and I suppose I really should because I do play in the Fenway League, Yastrzemski Division. I had to really do some soul searching to get a Red Socker, though, because I traded one of the Legends of the Game to get Mike Gardner.

Bye, Bye Nolan Ryan?

The pitching stats are based on Wins, Saves, and ERA, and I finally had to unload Nolan Ryan. He killed me with his ERA, as he got hammered a couple of times in the very early innings.

He never has picked up any wins yet this year, and he certainly will never get a save. Gardner, on the other hand, has pitched in his usual bulldog fashion, and I am very satisfied with him so far (despite his 0-2 record since I acquired him).

I felt a little bit bad for the guy in West Virginia who was more than happy to make the trade. Ryan pulled a hamstring the other day, and who knows when the relic might be able to toe the rubber again.

The batters score for you in the categories of batting average, homers, RBI, and stolen bases,

and I made a few trades lately. Let's see if you like them.

First, I traded Luis Polonia and Felix Fermin for Bill Gullickson and Jay Buhner. Polonia is a fine player with the league criteria, but he has gone about 1-35 since the trade with two stolen bases.

Fermin is Fermin—I doubt that he'll ever come back to haunt me. Gullickson will win some games for me along the way to be sure, and Buhner was picked up for some hoped-for power.

I finally put Jesse Barfield on our version of the DL because he plays like he's disabled anyway. I figure that he'll get hot along the way somewhere, and I'll have him when he decides to make a contribution. He's got to hope that he sees the playing field again somewhere down the line.

Matt Young's early season heroics prompted me to grab him off the Waiver Wire, but just like a kid that touches the stove for the first time, I threw him back just as soon as I was able. That crazy lefty had me up nights talking to myself.

Cal Ripken got off to a woeful start, but is picking it up. He's not likely to be traded anytime soon. Mel Hall has had a great year.

Tim Raines is doing his job of running and hitting for me. Kevin Seltzer has been a godsend after losing Gary Sheffield (who hasn't found a National League pitcher he doesn't like).

George "Old Man" Brett Does Get It Done

George Brett is playing and hitting like an old man, but he gets it done for me once in a while. Jim Gantner is only hitting .240, but I'm looking for him to pick it up a bit.

Carlton Fisk is still rehabbing, but I look for a contribution, too. I got Dave Valle as a backup catcher, and he hits Red Sox pitching as if it was Ted Williams playing T-Ball.

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Mickey Mantle Baseball Pounds Southwick, 11-1

The Agawam 14-16 Mickey Mantle team traveled to Southwick to capture an 11-1 victory to start their season. They brought hot bats with them, pounding out an 11-hit attack.

Pitcher Brian Colby contributed both defensively and offensively to aid the cause. He racked up eight strikeouts while smacking a triple, driving in two runs.

Collecting a pair of hits for Agawam were Brian Pellegrino, Jason Votzakis, and Brian Klinakis. Jeff Campbell, Chris Demastri, Dan McCarthy, and Dan Moriarty also chipped in with a hit apiece.

Playing solid defense for Agawam were Nathan Wooley and Carmine Battista.

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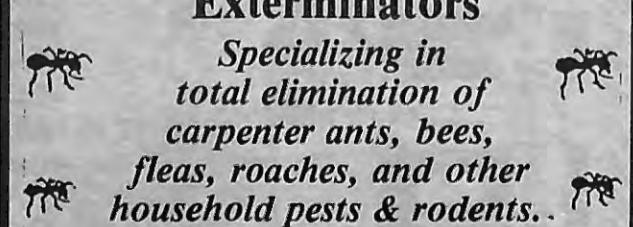
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Italian Sportsmen Overcome Gino's In Men's Softball

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After two scoreless innings which saw excellent defense on both sides, ISC came up in the third. With two outs and Doug Mlacki on first, Mark Stevens, John Bonavita, Mike Barry, Tom McGowan, and Ed Jones all hit consecutive singles to contribute to the four-run inning.

After shutting down Gino's in the third and fourth with some "great" defensive plays by shortstop Billy Moge and second baseman Paul Mlacki, ISC came up to bat in the fifth. John Bonavita led off with a single but was forced by (winning pitcher) Mike Barry. Tom McGowan hit a towering drive to center for a double, leaving men on second and third.

Ed Jones hit an RBI single and Mike Doura hit a sacrifice fly to left, scoring designated runner John Pidgeon for the sixth run. ISC's scoring bid ended with a screaming line drive to Gino's third baseman, who made one of many superb stops. Gino's was retired one, two, and three to end the fifth.

Gino's returned the favor in the top of the sixth. Gino's came up and, after one out, leadoff hitter Dickie walked; then came another fly for the second out.

Shortstop Jack Patterson (who had been victimized twice by ISC's pitcher Mike Barry) hit a sharp single to left, bringing up Gino's home run threat Jeff Petterson, who drilled a deep line drive to rightfielder Ed Jones (who came up with a nice running catch to end the inning).

ISC's Billy Moge singled to start the seventh. Mark Stevens hit a shot which broke the glove of Gino's pitcher to reach first. John Bonavita (3-3, walk, three RBI's to lead the attack for ISC) singled to score Moge on second, and Stevens came around all the way from first, leaving Bonavita on third. Mike Barry hit a sacrifice fly to end the scoring.

Gino's led off the seventh with a single, and pitcher Loomer hit a blast up the middle, in which Mike Barry made yet another exceptional play to start a 1-6-3 double play.

A ground out to third ended the game. Italian Sporting Club's win was a direct result of a total team effort.

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Mario Sakellis, Executive Director of the American Lung Association of Western Massachusetts announced that \$8,000 was raised by the agency at the First Clean Air Classic Golf Tournament held at Shaker Farms Country Club.

Heather Poulin, the Christmas Seal Ambassador accepted a check from John Pryor of NYNEX.

Prizes were awarded to everyone present, and plans are already underway for next year's tournament.

The first place team was Kevin Barnes, F.E. Moore, Ray Stevens and Ken Golash. The second place team was Ed Plant, Ray Saracino, James Marno and Tony Velleux.

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Brian Sutter New Bruins' Bench Boss

by Bob Johnson
Advertiser News Sports Editor

Am I the only one that chuckled when BRIAN SUTTER signed a four-year contract to coach the Bruins? It's great for him that he'll get paid for that length of time, but name me a hockey coach that lasts that long behind the bench anymore.

It's crazy...

Why is there any compassion for STEVE HOWE? That's the word that one of my favorite sportscasters (CHRIS BERMAN) used way too much on Monday night after Howe was suspended from baseball for the SEVENTH time.

The guy has big-time problems with drugs and alcohol. He has had many opportunities to right his vessel over the past eight or nine years, and I am very much past feeling sorry for him. Also, I didn't hear nearly as much COMPASSIONATE conversation when OTIS NIXON was suspended in the middle of a pennant race last summer. The whole deal smells.

Now, there are grievances being filed on Howe's behalf. I simply don't understand...

And on the same subject for a minute, did anybody see DEXTER MANLEY looking squarely in the cameras after signing with the CFL and telling Commissioner TAGLIABUE to, "Watch out because I'm coming back."

Don't count on it, Dexter, my friend...

The Yanks got TIM BURKE and the Mets got lefty LEE GUETTERMAN. Interesting deal on the heels of the Yanks losing the aforementioned southpaw Howe the day before.

In addition, it's only the second deal that the Yanks and Mets have ever made. I mean, who can forget the vaunted deal back in 1987 when STEVE FREY, PHIL LOMBARDI, and DARREN REID were swapped for the venerable RAFAEL SANTANA and somebody named VICTOR GARCIA...

DAVE JUSTICE went on the "Young and the Restless" the other day and homered against the Dodgers that night.

What's next? Will we see the anemic Red Sox hitters lining up at Central Casting in search of dingers of their own? They've got just 22 as a team at press time...

Every Sox fan had to think back to July 4th, 1983, when DAVE RIGHETTI got his first start after 522 consecutive relief appearances this past

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Pitching-wise, Jaime Navarro, Ron Darling, Jeff Russell, Scott Erickson, Gullickson, Mark Elchhorn, Mike Magnante, and Gardiner are the staff. Not great but not horrible, and Russell has come out of the chute pretty well for me in the save department.

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Contrast that with the PBA tour where this year's leading bowling money winner is a guy named ERIC FORKEL who has knocked down \$133,350 to date.

I didn't know one name in Bowling's Top Ten, and CHRIS SCHENKEL used to keep me updated on stuff like that. I guess I don't watch ABC Sports on weekends as much as I used to...

DIKEMBE MUTOMBO got out of the box quickly for Denver this year, but Charlotte's manchild LARRY JOHNSON mopped him in the Rookie of the Year balloting...

What a fantastic race I happened to catch on Saturday. The Belmont Stakes was the best horse race I ever saw as A.P. INDY led the charge across the line. It was heartstopping for me, and usually I don't even remember to watch.

Actually, I do remember, but I can't take all the pre-race hype, and I'm usually tuned into some late Saturday afternoon movie by the time the race actually takes place...

They'll remember him forever, but SCOTT NORWOOD left Buffalo quietly early this week after being released by the Bills.

He missed the potential winning field goal against the Giants in Super Sunday XXV, and making only 10-20 of over 30 yards last year spelled the end...

Did you know that all three lightweight titles in boxing are vacant? Yup, the WBA, WBC, and IBF have nobody occupying those slots...

I keep trying to enjoy the Bulls and Blazers, but those weeknight games are on too late for me.

Funny though, if the Celts were still alive, I'd be as fresh as a daisy right through garbage time...

Always remember and never forget that KNUTE ROCKNE once said, "One man practicing sportsmanship is better than a hundred men teaching it..."

later, I'm still talking to myself after making it, but I wonder if you think I made a good deal. Here it is:

I traded Buhner, Hall (that was tough for me), and Darling to a guy in Ohio for the trio of Candy Maldonado, Harold Balnes, and Duane Ward.

We'll see what happens.

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Bats Come Alive For Agawam Auto School During 10-5 TC Victory Over St. Joe's

by Bob Johnson
Advertiser News Sports Editor

Agawam Auto School banged out 13 hits (nine of them in the last two innings) and used a late rally to overtake St. Joseph's by a 10-5 count in Tri-County Baseball League action on Tuesday night at Agawam High School.

The win elevates Auto School beyond the .500 as they now stand at 4-3-1.

Coach Boo Smith sent veteran southpaw Tim Doyle to the hill. Doyle went the route and picked up the win by twirling a seven-hitter.

St. Joe's grabbed an early lead when two of the first three hitters walked and one run crossed on a two-out RBI single up the middle. Shortstop Brian Griffin might have made the play and it rolled through for the first run of the ballgame.

Agawam responded with two runs to take the lead itself in the bottom of the frame. Jason Wooley and Ray Burgess sandwiched walks around a wicked line out by Griffin before a pickoff attempt of Wooley off second base. The throw sailed into centerfield and the runners moving into scoring position.

Muscular Bob Altobelli ripped a blistering drive that landed foul down the rightfield line before striking out for the second out of the frame. But Frank Mochak tied it with an infield single up the middle. John Henneberry followed that with a "sand wedge" into right centerfield to plate Burgess with the go-ahead run.

St. Joe's went ahead again in the third when Burgess was unable to run down a deep drive to center and it went for an RBI triple off his glove. That especially hurt because Doyle had walked the previous batter with two outs and nobody aboard. The following batter bounced to Brian Doyle at third. But his throw was low and Altobelli was unable to dig it out as the third St. Joe's run crossed the plate.

No Rally In The Third

Altobelli walked and Henneberry (three hits) ripped a single to left-center in the bottom of the third. But Brian Doyle's rip city smash to centerfield hung up for the fielder and the Agawam nine grabbed the leather again.

St. Joe's padded the margin and it could have

been worse. Brian Doyle saved his brother when the number nine hitter led the inning with a low liner over the bag at third. Doyle reacted and made a fine backhand catch. It proved to be a big play when Altobelli dropped a throw at first for an error.

With two outs, the club from Thorndike got a ringing single through the shortstop hole and a double that was mashed down the leftfield line for a 5-2 lead.

It was about that time that Coach Boo Smith turned prophetic. As the customary hat was being passed for the Umpire's Fund, he told the spectators that Auto School would score "five in the fourth." That's exactly what they did.

Shawn Smith (Boo's younger brother) walked and Tim Sheehan singled to set the table. Wooley popped up to temporarily suspend the rally. A wild pitch sent Smith to third before Griffin banged in to a fielder's choice to bring Smith home with the third Auto School run. That's when the fun started.

Ray Burgess singled to left to move Griffin up 90 feet. Altobelli ripped an RBI single to left for another run. Mochak put Auto School ahead for good with a bad hop, two-run single to right and then Henneberry raped another RBI hit to left for a 7-5 lead.

Doyle shutdown St. Joe's in the fifth and Agawam came back to the bat rack looking for more. And that's what happened.

Smith started another rally with a single to left and he raced to third when the catcher tried to pick him off. Sheehan fouled out and Wooley rapped into a fielder's choice as Smith was gunned down trying to score on a grounder to third.

Wooley's fast feet got him to second as he stole on a pitchout. That proved to be a big play as Griffin plopped an RBI double on the rightfield down; Burgess bloomed an off-field RBI hit to left before Altobelli smoked an RBI double up the gap in right-center.

St. Joe's went meekly in the sixth as Doyle whiffed two and the darkness descended on Agawam as the Auto School enjoyed their night's work.

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Turkey Season Results

Figures are in for the results of the second segment of the spring turkey season. Hunters took 344 birds, bringing the total of turkeys killed to 999 birds—a new record!

A bow hunter shot a bird and did not find it for a long period of time. When he did come up on the bird, a fox or coyote ate one side of the breast off; and when taken to the checking station, the bird still weighed over 22 pounds.

Either the sportsmen are failing to sleep, or they figure that it will be good for them if their towns are placed under Hunting by Permission Only.

The town of SHEFFIELD is the latest to be voted to hunt by permission only. Tom Keefe, Western District Chief, is very distressed over the action. At the recent Hampden County Sportsmen's Council meeting, he pointed out that the vote was 139 to 70.

The town has two major sportsmen's club, and 10% of his allocated pheasants were stocked in Sheffield. One of the clubs has a pheasant-rearing program. Tom explained that he can no longer stock pheasants in the town or take part in the club's pheasant-rearing program, because of the hunting by written permission law.

He also explained that if a town goes to written permission for entry, the trout stocking program is stopped.

The town of Monterey has gone from a landowners' association to a hunting by written permission for the whole town. The sportsmen defeated a similar written permission article in Cheshire. The sportsmen contracted the landowners and defeated the Friends of Animals in that town.

Please remember that our deadline is every Tuesday at noon time. We open weekdays at 6:30 a.m. Call us at 786-7747 or 786-8137. We close on Friday at 3:00 p.m.

The following towns in the Western District have inked permission laws: Blandford, Middlefield, New Marlborough, Sheffield, Sandisfield, & Tolland, with the town of Tyringham under landowners' association rule.

I don't think our law enforcement officers should be used to enforce the written permission rule in these towns that have restricted the use of their land for hunting and fishing. The sportsmen pay their salaries.

Let the towns spend their own money to police against intruders, and the cost of court time for breakers of the permission rule.

The following points were brought out at the meeting. Most towns are not anti-hunting but like hunter control (so they say, but some towns make it very difficult to obtain permission). Some landowners don't like to be bothered by hunters seeking permission.

Landowners do not like to sign permission forms. Every town that curtails hunting and fishing is one more strike for the anti-hunter and fishing radicals.

The Hampden Council of Sportsmen will hold a fundraising picnic at the Ludlow Fish and Game Club on August 23, 1992, from 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

GUN OWNERS, It is important that you contact your representatives requesting that they vote against House Bill 1651. In 1991, Governor Dukakis signed into law the fair licensing act, and now certain police chiefs do not like this law and want to change it.

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The June meeting of the Mawaga Sporting Club, Inc., will be held on the ninth. Dinner will be served promptly at 6:30 p.m., followed by a business meeting at 7:30 p.m. Jim Gamelli and his committee will provide the meal.

On Sunday, September 13th, the club will hold a chicken barbecue free to all members. A supplement mailing will be sent in August with a signup sheet for this event.

The officers, their committees, and the board of directors wish all members an enjoyable and safe summer.

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Friendly's Red Sox	1	1
Malone's Indians	0	1
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Rollaway Mets	1	1
Agawam Police Orioles	1	1
Almac Braves	0	0
Hastle Fence Athletics	0	1
Soda City Dodgers	0	2
Take Five Red Sox	0	2

MINORS		
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Almac Braves	6	0
Valentl's Orioles	5	4
Mercollino's Giants	5	2
Polish Club Royals	4	3
VFW Red Sox	3	3
Teddy Bear Mets	3	4
Lions Club Dodgers	2	6
Bridgeport Nat'l Athletics	1	7
Bolduc's Yankees	1	7

S.H.A.A. Girls' 13-16 Standings

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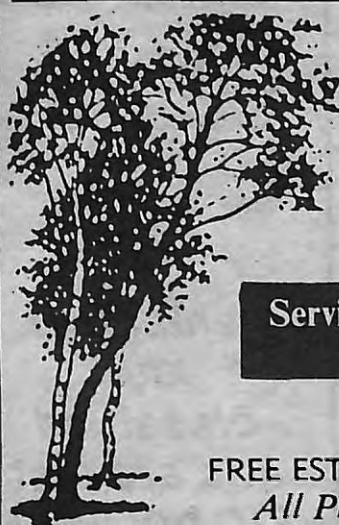
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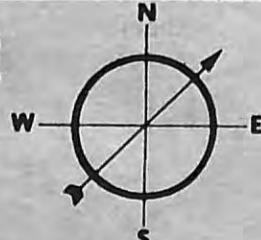
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